

Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, the Bangladeshi Minister of State responsible for the Information and Communication Technology Division (ICT) in the Ministry of Posts, Telecommunications & Information Technology, visited Infineon at Campeon on March 23. Stefan Hofschien, Division President Chip Card & Security (CCS) told him about the contribution of Infineon to a secure connected world. Zunaid Ahmed Palak introduced Bangladesh's "Vision 2021".



State Minister of Bangladesh Zunaid Ahmed Palak, MP, responsible for the ICT Division in the Ministry of Post, Telecommunications & Information Technology and Stefan Hofschien, Division President Chip Card & Security (CCS)

Minister Palak shared his and his government’s vision and roadmap for establishing Digital Bangladesh by 2021. This transformation program, named Vision 2021, is based on the four pillars of Digital Government, Connecting Citizens, Human Resource Development (focused on ICT) and IT Industry Promotion. Bangladesh has been undergoing an impressive, rapid transformation phase in the ICT sector since 2008 and the speed is accelerating as a part of the government's Vision 2021 program. The country stands to benefit from its extensive push towards becoming a major ICT location, including a mass roll-out of ICT technologies such as Internet infrastructure, eGovernance and mandatory ICT education for all students up to the age of 16.

Stefan Hofschien, Division President of CCS, took the opportunity to showcase Infineon's expertise and track record in making the connected world a safer place. He presented to Minister Palak the Infineon's broad security portfolio for target markets such as the Internet of Things (IoT) (e.g. smart home), ICT, electronic ID documents and transportation ticketing. Hofschien offered to support the Bangladeshi government's digital transformation agenda with Infineon's security expertise. The State Minister responded that Infineon can actively contribute to Bangladesh's digital transformation agenda in using "future-proof" technologies and standards. He emphasized the need for making his country's digital progress a sustainable one in the long term. Infineon's mission of making life easier, safer and greener with microelectronics fits well with Bangladesh's digital aspiration, he observed.



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During the very cordial and lively exchange, the Minister launched the idea of a national workshop on upcoming large-scale government programs, as defined in the national roadmap and on the agenda of his Ministry. This workshop would be organized by the Ministry's ICT Division in the coming months in Dhaka, Bangladesh's capital, and would bring together several government Ministries such as the Ministry of Transport and the Ministry of Health, local ICT companies and international technology companies. Minister Palak welcomed Infineon to contribute its "brain", a term he used for Infineon's vision, technology and product expertise (security, for instance), to his country's national digital transformation process. The Minister added that he would be appreciative of any support from Infineon in its projects for rolling out electronic identification documents such as e-Passports, electronic national ID cards, etc.