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The Affiliated Network for Social Accountability (ANSA)-Global was officially launched in Manila during June 27-28, 2011. The launch was followed by the first Global Partnership Panel meeting. ANSA Global has been functioning from the Institute of Governance Studies since 2009 and under that three grants have been provided, which has resulted in the incubation of two regional ANSAs, in the Middle East and North Africa Region and the Latin America and Caribbean Region.

The Global Partnership Fund secretariat based at the Institute of Governance Studies, BRAC University, is going to produce three novel knowledge products in collaboration with Association for Stimulating Know-how to generate knowledge, add to the existing discourse on social accountability and inform the work of the practitioners. For the purpose of developing the knowledge materials the GPF has organised a Brainstorming workshop from June 20-22, 2011 at the Civic Inn, Dhaka. The expert consultation has identified key building blocks for defining the content and operational guidelines for developing the knowledge materials. Representatives from Public Affairs Centre, India, Samuhik Abhiyan, Institute for Participatory Interaction in Development (IPID), Association for Stimulating Know-how and Water and Sanitation Programme, World Bank were present in the workshop.



IGS is rolling out the CIPS study support classes to the private sector participants for obtaining CIPS qualifications in Bangladesh. IGS teamed up with Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply, UK in 2010 to offer CIPS training programme to public sector participants of Bangladesh Government under the World Bank funded PPRP-II project. Now IGS is rolling out the CIPS training programme to fee-paying private participants. As an evening programme, IGS will start with Level-4 courses to prepare participants to sit for CIPS examinations and will later offer Level 5 and 6 courses. The CIPS qualifications are given by CIPS, UK and the role of the Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) as an approved study and exam center of CIPS, first of its kind in Bangladesh and South Asia, is to facilitate the learning process and to assist students to successfully pass the CIPS exams with support classes.

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management. CIPS assists individuals, organisations and the profession as a whole. CIPS 'ladder' of qualifications provides benchmark education programmes for the purchasing and supply profession throughout the world.

Dr. Rizwan Khair, the Director in charge of IGS, visited Kathmandu, Nepal from 29-30 June to participate at the international conference on 'In Search of Better Governance: Challenges and Prospects' organized by Central Department of Public Administration of Tribhuvan University, Nepal and Department of Public Administration & Organisation Theory of Bergen University, Norway. Dr. Khair presented a paper titled 'The Complementary of Politics and Administration in Developing Countries: A Theoretical Paradox'. The Director also visited Maldives from 13-15 June to join at the international conference on Government and Opposition- Roles, Rights and Responsibilities, organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association.