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IGS signed a contract on 23 May 2010 with Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS), UK to offer international procurement courses in Bangladesh. Initially IGS will offer courses for Level 4 and Level 5 Foundation Diploma in Purchasing and Supply. CIPS will also assist IGS to develop a Masters Programme in Procurement, which will be first of its kind in Bangladesh. Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI) of IGS organized a workshop on Training Need Assessment on 23 May 2010. The objective of the workshop was to find out training needs from the female journalists, and design training for them accordingly. Twelve female journalists currently working with leading dailies and broadcast media participated in the training need assessment workshop. Some of the issues identified were, different training for print and electronic media, more practical sessions in the training, training for a total media house/news house, broadcast reporting, writing script, time bound reporting etc.

JATRI training team organized a refreshers course on Interviewing and Source Development Techniques on 25 May 2010, for the aspiring journalists, who are studying Journalism in different private and public universities. The same group (of 17) received a three days residential training from JATRI on the same topic last year from 16-18 October. Julfikar Ali Manik, chief reporter, the Daily Star and PROGATI Media component manager Zahid Hossain conducted the refreshers course.

Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) facilitated a workshop on "Democratic Governance and Human Rights: Achievements towards the Millennium Declaration" on May 31st, 2010 at the Bangladesh Institute for Administration and Management (BIAM). The workshop was co-hosted by the UNDP and the Ministry of Establishment. Participants from the Ministry of Establishment, the Planning Commission and the National Human Rights Commission among others were present, along with donors and members from the civil society. The workshop produced a concrete set of recommendations on how to advance democratic governance in the following areas: Public Administration Reform and Local Government, Justice and Human Security, Human Rights, and Election and Parliament.

Students and faculty members of the McIntire School of Commerce, University of Virginia, USA came to Bangladesh on a study tour in May. IGS offered assistance to the University of Virginia to organize this tour. Arranging such study tours in future between the two academic institutions has been discussed.