

## MONTHLY UPDATES, NOVEMBER 2009

A four-days training on Governance, Democracy and Civil Service Leadership Programme was organized jointly by Bangladesh Public Administration Training Centre (BPATC), Institute of Governance Studies (IGS) - BRAC University, and Institute on Governance (IOG), Ottawa at the International Training Centre of BPATC from November 9 to 12, 2009. Eighteen civil servants of the rank of Deputy Secretary from different Ministries attended the program. The key objective of the program was to develop an understanding of governance and democracy among civil service leaders, and strengthen their knowledge and skills required in a democracy. International and local experts conducted the sessions. A video-conference session on Ethics and Values was also arranged at BRAC University campus.



Mr. Manzoor Hasan, Director of the Institute attended the Third Conference of the State Parties in Doha, Qatar from 9-13 November 2009 organized by the United Nations Office of Drugs and Crime (UNODC) as part of the Bangladesh delegation. The delegation was lead by the Law Minister Barrister Shafique Ahmed. The Conference was attended by 106 State Parties and 14 governments were there as observers. The objective of the conference was to improve the capacity of and cooperation between State Parties and to promote and review the implementation of the United Nations Convention against Corruption (UNCAC).

The Institute participated in the 'Third Forum of the Parliamentarians' in Doha, Qatar on 10 November 2009 organized by the Global Organization of Parliamentarians Against Corruption (GOPAC). Mr. Saiful Bhuiyan of IGS presented the Action Plan (developed as a follow-up activity to address the findings and recommendations of the Bangladesh Compliance and Gap Analysis with UNCAC) in the forum. The aim of the Forum was to suggest parliamentarians to work with others to be truly effective in supporting the UNCAC and its effective implementation and review. A delegation consisting of three Members of Bangladesh Parliament also participated in the forum and the Conference of the State Parties.

Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI) of IGS conducted a three-day training course on "Interviewing and Source Development Techniques" from 2-4 November 2009 for the Dhaka University Correspondents of electronic and print media, who are also active members of Dhaka University Journalist Association (DUJA). This training focused on the different aspect of Interviewing and Source Development Techniques of Journalism. Mr. Ralph Frammolino, Award winning US Journalist (formerly with the Loss Angeles Times) was the Lead Trainer of the course.

JATRI Training Team organized a consultation meeting to exchange the experiences and challenges of photo journalism and accordingly to assess training needs for photo journalists on 15 November 2009 at JATRI board meeting room. Twenty photo journalists from different newspapers and news agencies participated in the meeting, where it was decided that JATRI Training Team would

organize a three-day long training for the photo journalists on the ethics and standards of photo journalism and will also cover behavior and technical skill. This training is scheduled to be held next year.

The Affiliated Network on Social Accountability - South Asia (ANSA-SA), housed at the Institute, organized a three day residential proposal development workshop for the potential grantees at the Pegasus Reef Hotel in Colombo Sri Lanka from 23 to 25 November 2009. This regional workshop was attended by participants from India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. The purpose of this workshop was to train the participants in writing a proposal and also developing a common understanding of the context. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Suresh Raghavan.