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Leadership training programme held

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Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre (BYLC) organised its first leadership training programme 'Building bridges through leadership training' at the Theatre Institute of Chittagong yesterday.

Acting mayor of Chittagong City Corporation M Manjur Alam was present on the occasion as the chief guest.

A total of 30 students from different Bangla and English medium schools and madrasas were competitively selected to participate in the month-long intensive leadership-training programme. The innovative curriculum of the programme has three distinct components.

The first component focused on building bridges in society by uniting 17-19 year old students from English and Bangla medium schools and madrasas, and helping them understand different perspectives in society in making them work in small group discussions and team building exercises.

The second component focused on leadership training, which included public speaking workshops, diagnostic framework of leadership, and different tools and techniques to effectively exercise the act of leadership.

The third component was action-driven and required the participants to work on community projects. In total, the participants spent more than 670 hours in community service and successfully completed five different social projects in a neighbouring-slum called Kusumbagh.

The community projects included tree plantation campaign, building volunteer schools for children in the slum, raising environmental awareness among local people and a medical awareness campaign for women and children.



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Acting mayor of Chittagong City Corporation M Manjur Alam hands over a certificate to a participant of a leadership training programme 'Building bridges through leadership training' at the concluding ceremony of the programme at the Theatre Institute of Chittagong yesterday. Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre (BYLC) organised the event.

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“Our dream is to change Bangladesh by training the next generation of responsible and compassionate leaders and we will continue implementing such programmes in different districts of Bangladesh in the future,” said Ejaj Ahmed, founder of BYLC.

BYLC's concept and teaching methodology was originally developed at Harvard Kennedy School's Centre for Public Leadership and this programme was supported by Massachusetts Institute of Technology's Public Service Centre, Davis Peace Prize 2008 and Young Power in Social Action (YPSA).

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