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BBLT 5 launches in Dhaka

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With high expectations and 42 excited youngsters, Bangladesh Youth Leadership Centre (BYLC) started its flagship program Building Bridges Through Leadership Training 5(BBLT 5). The participants were chosen in a highly competitive manner from over 811 applicants this year. Of them, 215 were picked for a written exam. From there, 98 participants progressed to the next round for a team-building exercise and a personal interview. Finally, 42 emerged from the rigorous selection process and were chosen for the 5th BBLT program.

The inaugural program of BBLT 5 was held on 4th November, 2010 at The Lake Shore Hotel, Gulshan. After a video documentary detailing various aspects of the program, and hearing past BBLT graduates talk about their successes, the students and their guardians got to know a little bit more about the program. Mr Ejaj Ahmed, founder and president of BYLC talked to the audience about the need for leadership in the country. After another wonderful speech from Mr Ivdad, Director of Youth Leadership at BYLC, Mrs Ellen Goldstein, Country Director of World Bank, gave the audience a few things to think about. Mrs Goldstein stressed on how change has to come from within, and requires a conscious effort from the individual. After that, the Chief Guest of the evening, His Excellency Mr James F. Moriarty, delighted everybody by speaking in Bangla. Through his short but concise speech, he wished the participants well on their journey of self-discovery. Refreshments and an art exhibition followed the inspiring words, with everyone eagerly looking forward to the days ahead.



BYLC is a leadership training institute founded by Harvard University graduate Mr Ejaj Ahmed. Through its signature BBLT program, it seeks to bridge gaps in society by uniting youth from different educational backgrounds and equipping them with leadership and problem-solving skills. The four-month program is funded by the American Embassy and organised by BYLC. After a one-month intensive training program, students get to try out their newly-acquired skills in the community where they will be working closely with each other to solve problems in the area. Here's wishing all the best to the next generation of home-grown leaders, and hoping they have a great journey ahead!

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