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BYLC concludes three-week long youth leadership program in Dhaka

Dhaka - The Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC) held the graduation ceremony of its first three-week long junior youth leadership training program, 'Building Bridges through Leadership Training Junior', at St. Joseph Higher Secondary School today.

Mrs. Shireen Manzoor, daughter of Bangladesh's first President Abu Sayeed Chowdhury, and founding executive director of an English language training institute in Dhaka, was present at the occasion as the Chief Guest. Brother James S. Sarker, Vice Principal of St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, was present as the Special Guest. The event was also attended by Ejaj Ahmad, Founder and President of BYLC, and Khaleed Hasan, Assistant General Manager of Swadesh Properties Ltd., the chief sponsor of the program. Also present among the audience were parents of the students, BBLT alumni and other distinguished citizens.

A total of 10 students were competitively selected from over a 100 applicants for this shorter version of the award winning BBLT program. These 10 of Dhaka's best and brightest spent three grueling weeks attending the leadership training program which included workshops on leadership, public speaking, teamwork, problem solving, and community service. After two weeks in intensive training at St Joseph Higher Secondary School, the participants conducted over 120 hours of community service in an evening school for the underprivileged children run at the same venue.

They undertook various projects on social, health, education and environmental campaigns. While addressing the graduating participants, Chief Guest Shireen Manzoor said, "I was very impressed with the teamwork shown by the teams during the poster presentation - every member had a chance to talk. The mutual respect among the participants is a sign of the program's success - especially one that unites students from such diverse backgrounds together. "

Brother James S. Sarker, Vice Principal of St. Joseph Higher Secondary School, said, "I think that in the context of Bangladesh, this unique initiative by BYLC is highly commendable. If further assistance is needed from St. Joseph with any future programs of BYLC, we will be happy to provide it. " President of BYLC, Ejaj Ahmad, also spoke at the event.