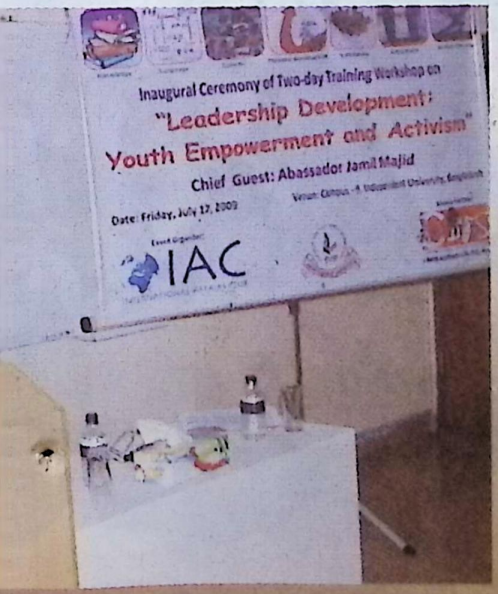


The International Affairs Club (IAC) of IUB, a student based organisation which provides an understanding of global citizenry and instil in the values of peace, justice, understanding and participation, organised this programme on July 17 to 18 in the premises of IUB. The workshop was inaugurated by Ambassador Jamil Majid. About 56 young participants, mostly students and young employees, from 17 different educational institutions including IUB, BUET, NSU, BRACU, Comilla University, BIT, Scholastica, Sunbeams, International Turkish Hope, Mastermind and concerned organisations like The Asia Foundation, Grameen Phone, City Cell, AKTEL participated in this training workshop. Moreover, participants from universities outside of Bangladesh, Adelphi University (USA), Bart College (USA) and University College London also took part in the workshop. The aim of the programme was to improve youth leadership skills and knowledge through their active citizenry and entrepreneurship. Distinguished persons from UNDP and international organisations, eminent professors, and former ambassadors moderated the workshop.



The enthralling workshop was divided into seven sessions, including one field visit to a youth led project and a problem solving session held by Farha Khan, President of IAC. Barrister Harun ur Rashid, Former Ambassador to UN, Geneva, K. A. M. Morshed, Assistant Country Director and Head of the Programme, MDGs and Pro Poor Development, United Nations Development Programme, Ejaj Ahmad, CEO, Bangladesh Youth Leadership Center (BYLC), Farid Uddin Ahmed, Executive Director, Arannyak Foundation, Syed Munir Khasru, Professor, Institute of Business Administration, University of Dhaka were among the spokespersons who conducted the programme.

During the first session, 'International Relations and Development (IRD)', Barrister Harun ur Rashid explained about the current scenario of international relations, major international policies, position of UN, SAARC and many other intergovernmental organisations, Bangladesh Government's foreign policies, and youth's participation for international development. The main objectives of this session were to inform youth about the major IRD policies, Bangladesh and UN's position and understanding of responsibilities and opportunities for youth in Bangladesh and abroad.