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PRESS RELEASE

AMBASSADOR MORIARTY LAUNCHES ETHICS AND STANDARDS IN JOURNALISM TRAINING PROGRAM AT JATRI

DHAKA, AUGUST 10 -- U.S. Ambassador to Bangladesh James F. Moriarty launched an in-house training program on Ethics and Standards in Journalism at the U.S. Government-funded Journalism Training and Research Initiative (JATRI). JATRI trains journalists on investigative techniques for print and broadcast media, multimedia reporting, storytelling, and journalistic ethics and standards. The program also houses a state-of-the-art resource center for media professionals. The U.S. Government, through the United States Agency for International Development (USAID), supports JATRI as part of the US\$18 million "Promoting Governance, Accountability, Transparency and Integrity (PROGATI)" project. JATRI, the first training center on investigative journalism in Bangladesh, is managed by BRAC University's Institute of Governance Studies (IGS).

JATRI, in collaboration with IGS and PROGATI, is hosting its first in-house training program on "Ethics and Standards in Journalism" from August 10 - 12, 2009. During the course, participants will examine the ethical dilemmas that journalists face in their profession through discussion, role-playing, and case studies. Approximately 20 journalists from leading print and electronic news outlets will participate in this training program.
