

## Developing an entrepreneurial ecosystem



On 19 August, 2014 Professor Tarun Khanna, Director of the Harvard South Asia Institute and Jorge Lemann Professor of Harvard Business School, delivered a talk headlined “Developing an Entrepreneurial Ecosystem in Emerging Economies”. The talk was given at BRAC Centre, Mohakhali, to an audience of renowned Bangladeshi entrepreneurs, academics and corporate managers. The program was also attended by BRAC officials and stakeholders allied to the promotion of entrepreneurship in Bangladesh. Dr. Khanna, who is touring Bangladesh as a guest of BRAC University, highlighted the critical role entrepreneurs play to advance a nation's economy and bring forth prosperity. Emerging economies, according to him, can benefit greatly if favorable circumstances that nurture and bolster entrepreneurial ventures prevail. Entrepreneurial ecosystems, therefore, must be developed that are conducive to enterprise creation, their sustenance, and ultimately, their growth, Dr. Khanna asserts. According to him Bangladeshi entrepreneurship is of great potential and can impact the country in a big way if ecosystems for entrepreneurs come to existence. BRAC University Vice Chancellor Dr. Syed Saad Andaleeb was also present at the occasion and addressed the audience. The program was moderated by Professor Rezaur Razzak, Director of BRAC University's Centre for Entrepreneurship Development (CED).