

## BRAC Institute of Languages starts journey

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DHAKA, JULY 9: BRAC University Centre for Languages has transformed into BRAC Institute of Languages (BIL). University Grants Commission (UGC) has approved the institute recently, says a press release. This is the third language institute in Bangladesh. The visions of this institute are to create knowledge, convene experts, explore new ideas, advocate policy and develop ELT materials.

Following an evolutionary progression, BRAC University started a language program, EL-Pro in August of 2005. Then, in 2008, it became the Centre for Languages. From then on, it has been making substantial achievements in terms of teaching English language courses to the undergraduate students, academic English to graduate students, and the ELT professionals. In addition, CfL has had involvement in government projects and partnerships with other agencies in the field of ELT and research. Apart from offering French, Spanish, Bengali, and Arabic languages, CfL has also been working in partnership with the Chinese and Korean governments to teach their languages to both students and general public in Bangladesh so that they could avail academic scholarships and job opportunities in these countries. Moreover, CfL has been acclaimed for the Pre-University course at home and abroad, for its unique approaches. All of these endeavours have created the pathway for CfL to become a language institute at BRAC University.

Under the new institute, a Masters programme in TESOL will be offered from Spring-2013 in addition to the undergraduate credit courses in Bengali, French, Spanish and Chinese besides the existing programmes.