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## **BRACU launches country's first “Empathy Lab”**

BRAC University (BRACU) together with Ashoka Innovators for the Public and Toru Pvt. Ltd. announced the launch of Bangladesh's first “Empathy Lab” at a press conference in the university's Mohakhali campus auditorium on March 25, 2018.

The Empathy Lab plans to address the fact that Bangladesh needs to build entrepreneurial mindset amongst its children and young population. The programme will help bring mindset shift of different stakeholders around the skills young people need in changing times.

The programme has a vision to prepare children and youngsters for a world that responds quickly and effectively to social challenges and everyone has the freedom, confidence, and social support to drive positive change.

The establishment of this lab aims to initiate an ecosystem building process that values and supports students to be changemakers by enabling them to build the critical skills of empathy amongst school students, and in turn developing a framework where BRACU students can learn and practice the skills of empathy, sophisticated teamwork, creative problem solving and collaborative leadership to solve complex social problems.