



BRAC Univ launches empathy lab

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BRAC University on Sunday launched the country's first empathy lab to grow empathy among the students.

In cooperation with Ashoka Innovators for the Public and Toru Institute of Inclusive Innovation, BRAC University launched the lab on its permanent campus at Savar, on the outskirts of Dhaka, officials said at a press conference on the university's Mohakhali campus.

They said that the lab was set to prepare groups of master empathy trainers or entrepreneurs among the students with change-maker skills. The entrepreneurs would later spread the practice of empathy among school students.

During the age of fourth industrial revolution, people are forgetting empathy resulting in social crisis in the country, they said hoping that the empathy lab would contribute to regain the empathy that the people of the country had.

'My vision is to have an ecosystem which builds empathy in every child and youth of Bangladesh, said BRAC Institute of Languages founder director Syeda Sarwat Abed. She said that the initiative would create empathy among youths who would be better able to realise age-related loneliness, pains and struggle of their predecessors.

Ashoka Innovators youth venture's South Asia director Yashveer Singh said that they would build change-makers who would later work for creating empathy.