

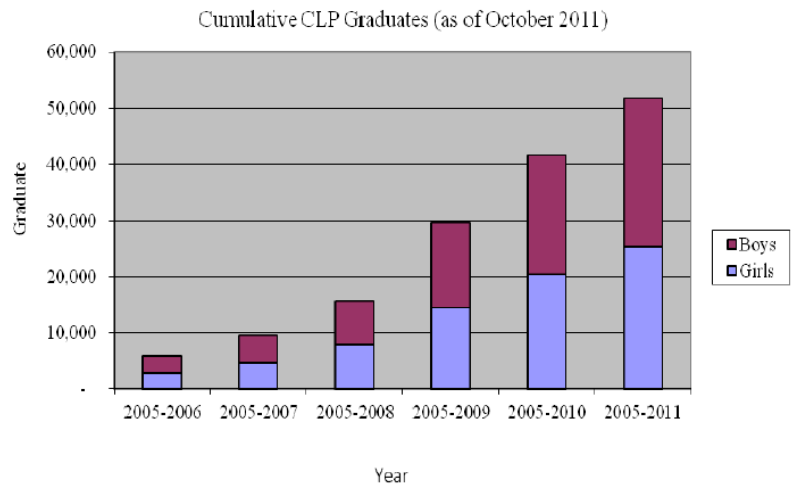
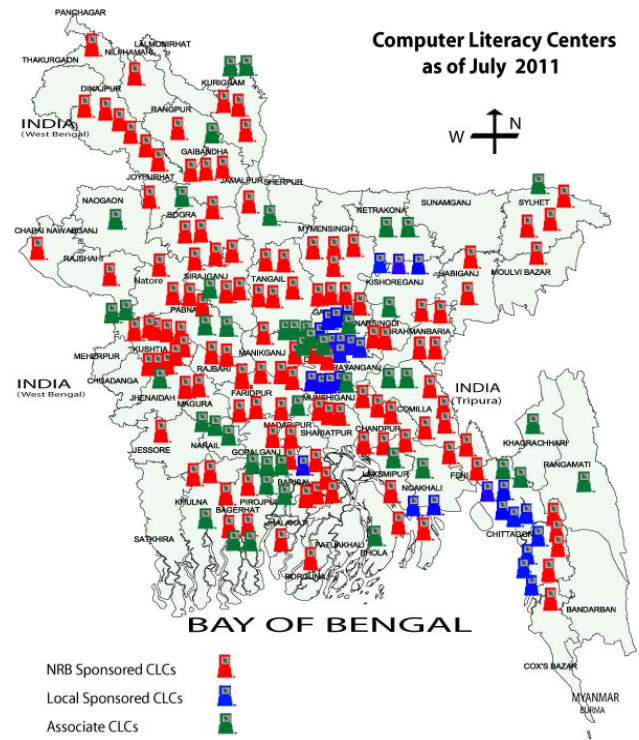
Computer Literacy Program: Annual Report, 2011

It is a pleasure to report to you the 2011 year-end status of the Computer Literacy Program (CLP). CLP was launched in late 2004 by the Volunteers Association for Bangladesh, New Jersey (VAB-NJ) to empower the underprivileged youths of rural Bangladesh through hands-on computer training and ICT enhanced education. VAB, parent organization of VAB-NJ supports traditional educational programs to improve quality of education for the underprivileged youth in Bangladesh. With generous help and continuing support from donors and sponsors like you, VAB-NJ has attained considerable success. Major achievements of the program are as follows:

- To date, CLP has established 165 Computer Literacy Centers (CLCs) and 79 Associate centers, bringing to a total of 244 centers where the computer literacy training is being provided to students free of charge. Now there are CLCs in 53 out of 64 districts of Bangladesh (please see the map at the top);
- 75% of the CLCs are located in rural areas;
- Total number of teachers trained: 322 (16 % female);
- Total number of students enrolled: 52,301 (male-female ratio 51:49);
- Total number of students receiving certificate of completion through October 31, 2011: 51,776 (49% female);
- Multinational and Bangladeshi corporations such as, Microsoft Asia, Intel, Bank Asia, Sentrana Corporation, Standard Chartered Bank and philanthropic organizations such as, Khan Family Foundation, NABIC, Spandaan B, IK Foundation, and Kamal Hossain Family Foundation have supported the program.

2011 Activities Highlights

- 12,000 students received CLP course completion certification in past ten months



- Hosted a lively Annual CLP Fund Raising event on July 23, 2011 at Rutgers Cook Campus Center, NJ, USA;
- Replaced ~50 computers and ~40 monitors in existing centers
- Established 30 pilot Smart Class Rooms (SCRs);
- English, Geometry, Algebra, Geography, and Science are being taught at those SCR's using locally-developed interactive CDs;
- Training cost ~ \$7 per trainee and decreasing.

Evolving: Smart Class Room – A New Initiative

Leveraging on the success of the basic computer training through CLP, in 2011 we have introduced the Smart Class Room (SCR) pilot program under a Private Public Partnership Initiative (PPPI) of the Government of Bangladesh to improve the quality of instruction in secondary schools. Every SCR is equipped with a laptop (with solar power operation option), a large screen monitor and interactive CDs. The students learn using these educational CDs and the Internet. Initial focus is on English, Geometry, Algebra, Science, and Geography.



The CDs prepared by experts enable multi-media classroom instruction for the students and concomitantly serve as useful resource for teachers. The PPPI offers a unique opportunity to sponsor a SCR, a CLC, or a combined SCR and a CLC at only 30% of the total cost. The program established 30 CLCs and SCRs in 2011 and will establish 40 CLCs and 40 SCRs in 2012, and 30 more in 2013.

VAB-NJ sincerely appreciates your support for the program to maintain the current level of activities. ***Your continued support and generous contributions*** are crucial to the overall success of the program. Please visit (www.vabonline.org/vabnj) for more detailed information on our programs. We are inviting you to our 2012 fundraising event, tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, July 14, 2012, at Rutgers University, New Jersey**. Please mark your calendar now; we will contact you with details of that program as we get close to that date. We look forward to your participation in the event and continued support in the future. VAB-NJ volunteers wish you, your family and friends a happy holiday season, and a productive and prosperous new year.