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International Growth Centre (IGC) and Institute of Governance Studies & BRAC Development Institute (IGS & BDI), BRAC University are pleased to invite you to the
IGC, Phase II, Launch Lecture on

IGC Second Phase: Future Direction

By Dr. Jonathan Leape, Associate Professor, London School of Economics and IGC Executive Director,
And

Ideas for Bangladesh

Expansion of Economic Opportunity: Evidence from South Asia

By Professor Robin Burgess, London School of Economics and IGC Director,

on Saturday, 22 March 2014, from 3.30 - 5.30 pm at the BRAC Centre Inn Auditorium,
BRAC Centre (2nd Floor), 75 Mohakhali, Dhaka 1212.

Prof. Wahiduddin Mahmud, Member, UN Committee for Development Policy and former Advisor to the Caretaker Government, and Dr. Sultan Hafeez Rahman, Executive Director, IGS & BDI, former Director General, South Asia, Asian Development Bank, will co-chair the event.

We cordially request your presence at the event and look forward to your contribution.

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To launch the second phase, Professor Robin Burgess will give a lecture on the expansion of economic opportunities in South Asia. The first part of the lecture will focus on the findings of the IGC research on BRAC's '*Challenging the Frontiers of Poverty Reduction Targeting the Ultra Poor*' programme. The second part of the lecture will be centred on the liberalisation episodes in South Asia and the case of how unleashing market forces can further expand economic opportunities in Bangladesh.

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