



North South University (NSU)

The First Private Nonprofit Degree Awarding University in Bangladesh Announces Commencement of the Academic Sessions from January 1993

BACKGROUND:

The proposal for setting up North South University, the first degree awarding non-profit private university in Bangladesh was sponsored in the latter part of 1988 by the **Foundation for Promotion of Education and Research**, a non-profit charitable Foundation consisting of academics, business leaders and retired civil servants.

GOVERNMENT PERMISSION:

The Government of Bangladesh headed by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia took the historic decision in March, 1992 to allow private universities to operate in Bangladesh. The **Private University Bill** was subsequently passed by the parliament on August 5, 1992. The post of the President of NSU was approved by a special order of the Government in September 1992. NSU has already applied to the Government for approval of its Charter.

MISSION:

The main mission of the North South University (NSU) is to impart quality education through teaching, training, research and public service to help individuals increase their intellectual, social and academic potentials. The University will endeavour to develop our country's human resources — the best capital for socio-economic development. NSU will seek to distance higher education from urban politics and attempt to reverse the deleterious brain drain that currently afflicts Bangladesh. While, being fully aware that these problems require a national solution, NSU is confident that it can act as a catalyst towards finding solutions to these problems. Facilities are being designed to foster an environment where motivated students will pursue learning with the help of talented foreign faculty and particularly Bangladeshi faculty now working abroad.

To achieve these objectives, NSU has designed an educational system that is largely based on the American model yet is sensitive to the evolving socio-economic needs of Bangladesh and aims to foster excellence in teaching, research and service. NSU is committed to infusing a healthy competition and renewed faith in the arena of higher education. We are dedicated to providing quality teaching in all of our academic programs to meet the growing needs of a rapidly developing Bangladesh in the last decade of 20th century and in the 21st century.

CAMPUS:

The sixth and seventh floor (about 15,000 square feet) of Abedin Tower, Kamal Ataturk Avenue, Banani, Dhaka will presently serve as the campus site. Three more floors will be added next year. The temporary administrative office is located House No. 2, Road No. 50, Gulshan, Dhaka. Fax: 883030; Telephone: 606047.

SCOPE OF THE UNIVERSITY:

NSU is the first degree awarding Private University in Bangladesh and eventually will provide degrees in all branches of Arts and Sciences. NSU will have major areas of study under three Schools: (1) School of Arts and Social Sciences, (2) School of Business Administration and (3) School of Applied Sciences. However, initially four-year Bachelor's degrees in three areas — (1) Economics and Public Policy, (2) Business (with concentration in Finance and Banking, Marketing, Management, Accounting, International Business) and (3) Computer Science are being offered from January, 1993. In addition, a Master's program in Economics is also being offered simultaneously. Gradually in the future, the University will expand to encompass more disciplines, keeping in view the growing needs of scientific, technological, industrial, agricultural and social development of Bangladesh.

ACADEMIC STANDARDS:

North South University is committed to maintaining high academic standards. Producing graduates who are academically sophisticated and trained to work in leadership positions in the public and the private sector in contemporary Bangladesh is our top priority. Our graduates must excel in order to compete well for the scarce jobs available. An important way we intend to produce such graduates is (a) to give them a well rounded education, instead of the very specialized education graduates receive in Public Universities, (b) to maintain a close relationship between faculty and students through regular advising and close monitoring of student performance in a semester system format. Up-to-date student records with performance in class will be maintained on computer and these will be reviewed by the faculty. Arrangements will also be made to review students records.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR:

The first semester starting from early January 1993 will continue up to the end of April. After a short break, the second semester will commence from early May and end in August. The program for the September-December semester will be announced

later. The students will have to attend at least two academic sessions each academic year. The students will have the option to continue their studies into the third semester or alternatively they may use the time in doing part time jobs with the businesses to gather experience. NSU Students Career Planning and Placement Department will extend all possible help. In the 1993 academic year, NSU has the capacity to enroll a total of 320 students with the following breakdown:

Undergraduate (four year degree) courses

1. Economics and Public Policy (BA) 40 students
2. Business (BBA) 200 students
3. Computer Science (B Sc) 40 students

Graduate Courses

1. Economic and Public Policy (MA) 40 students

The NSU Admissions Committee will conduct the admissions test and make decisions on admissions keeping in view students overall performance and suitability. The decisions of the NSU Admissions Committee shall be final.

UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION:

President (Chief Executive): Mr. Muslehuddin Ahmad, B Sc (Dac); M Sc (Univ. of Punjab), ex-teacher of Dhaka University, former Secretary and Ambassador of the Govt of Bangladesh. He is also the principal sponsor of NSU.

Honorary Treasurer: Mr. N H Khan, MA (Dac), former Secretary to the Govt of Bangladesh, presently Chairman Eastern Bank Ltd.

Computer Laboratory Supervisor: Azadul Huq, B Sc (Univ. of Houston, USA)

Administrative Officer: Nurul Huda, M BA (Dac)

MEMBERS OF THE TEACHING STAFF:

The majority of the members of the teaching staff has been drawn from the Universities in the United States. Besides expatriate Bangladeshi professors, foreign nationals will also be teaching at NSU. The following faculty members have agreed to teach at NSU in the 1993 academic year (semester basis):

1. Dr. Salm Rashid (Advisor to NSU President) Professor, University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Mathematical Economics, Economic History
Phd: Yale University, USA
2. Dr. Munir Quddus
Associate Professor, Univ. of Southern Indiana
Finance, Development Economics, Thought
Phd: Vanderbilt University, USA
3. Dr. Mahmudul Anam
Associate Professor, York University, Canada
Micro Theory, International Trade, International Finance
Phd: Univ. of Western Ontario, Canada
4. Dr. Wahab Khandakar
Professor University of Wisconsin
Business Economics
Phd: Southern Methodist University, USA
5. Dr. Fahd Khalil
Assistant Professor, Univ. of Washington, Seattle
Economics, Micro Theory
Phd: Virginia Polytechnic Institute, USA
6. Dr. Abdus Samad
Assistant Professor, Roosevelt University, Chicago
Banking, Finance
Phd: Univ. of Illinois, Chicago
7. Dr. Mohammed Sharif
Assistant Professor, Univ. of Rhode Island
Development Economics
8. Dr. Quamrul Ahsan
Associate Professor, Univ. of Bergen, Norway
Economic Theory
Phd: British Columbia
9. Dr. Mizanur Rahman
United Nations Center for Regional Development,
Japan
10. Shahadat Hossain, M Sc
University of Bergen, Norway
11. Dr. Nancy Scancell
Univ. of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign
Phd: Univ. of Illinois

COLLABORATION WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES:

To ensure high academic standards, NSU is in the process of negotiating agreements of collaboration with a number of US Universities. The Universities include George Washington University, the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign), and Kansas State University. These agreements, once concluded, will have provision for regular consultation on academic programs and academic standards and transfer of credits earned by the students at NSU. The present curriculum has been developed by the experts in the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign with particular supervision by the College of Commerce and

ADMISSION PROCESS

Application forms will be available from November 2 at the following Branches of Eastern Bank Ltd. & National Bank Ltd at a non-refundable cost of Tk 350:

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| 1. Eastern Bank Ltd.
Principle Branch
Jiban Bima Building
10 Dilkusha C/A, Dhaka | 3. Eastern Bank Ltd.
5, Old Jessore Road
Khulna |
| 2. Eastern Bank Ltd.
75, Agrabad Branch
Chittagong | 4. National Bank Ltd.
106-109 Shaheb Bazar
Rajshahi |
| | 5. National Bank Ltd.
Lal Dighir Par
Sylhet |

Applicants should return the completed application package at any of the above bank branches within November 15. Between November 16 and 18, Applicants must return the package only to the Principle Branch of Eastern Bank Ltd., 10 Dilkusha C/A Dhaka. The completed application package will include (a) application form (b) two passport size pictures (c) certified copies of the mark-sheets and other transcripts. The successful applicants who will be called for the Viva will have to produce two letters of recommendation at that time.

The admission test will be held on November 20, 1992 at Titumir College, from 10 am to 12 noon. The applicants must bring their Admission Test Pass (which will be provided at the bank when they deposit their application package). The test will consist of objective multiple choice and some essay questions.

Business, Economics Department and the Computer Science Department.

INTERNATIONAL ADVISORY BOARD:

NSU has set up an International Advisory Board which will advise NSU on maintaining high academic standards. The Board will review the curriculum and teaching of NSU on an annual basis through visits to NSU. Their reports will be made public. The Board is currently composed of the following experts from the world of Academia and University Administration.

1. Dr. Peter Timmer, Professor, Harvard University. (Chairman of the Board)
2. Dr. Shantayanan Devarajan, Associate Professor, Harvard University. Currently at the World Bank on leave from Harvard University.
3. Mrs. Connie Newman, Under Secretary of Smithsonian Institution, Washington DC. Formerly, lecturer of Public Policy at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University and Director of the Office of Personnel Management, US Govt.
4. Dr. Mark Pitt, Professor, Brown University.
5. Dr. Irwin Price, Vice President, External Affairs, George Washington University.
6. Dr. Bob Gillespie, Professor of Economics, University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign)

The Board will make periodical visits to NSU to advise on academic standards and also issue independent reports.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:

Subject to availability of funds, NSU will grant appropriate financial assistance to help talented but financially disadvantaged students. The number of students enjoying such financial assistance shall be initially limited to 5-10% of the total number of students enrolled in NSU. A limited number of merit scholarships to attract top students may also be given.

PLACEMENT SERVICE:

During long holidays the University will make efforts to find summer jobs for deserving students in industries, banks, businesses, educational institutions etc. This will enable them to earn some money as well as gain work experience. The University will have a Students Career Planning & Placement Department which will coordinate and organize interviews for the job seeking students with Industries and Business Houses.

MEMBERS OF THE FOUNDATION FOR PROMOTION OF EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Iftekharul Alam (Past President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chambers of Commerce and Industries and Past District Governor, Rotary International) — Life Member, Chairman of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

Muslehuddin Ahmad (Former Secretary to the Government of Bangladesh and Ambassador) — Life Member, Co-Chairman of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

M A Kashem (Past President of the Federation of Bangladesh Chamber of Commerce & Industries and Managing Director, Mutual Group of Companies) — Life Member, Chairman, NSU Endowment Committee and Member of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

Choudhury A K M Aminul Haque (Former Secretary and Advisor to the Acting President of Bangladesh) — General Member, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors & Member Executive Committee & NSU

The emphasis will be on aptitude, although some discipline specific questions may be included.

For NSU to consider the application for an undergraduate program, the applicant must take the admission test and have:

- (1) At least one first division in the SSC or HSC examination or
- (2) passed GCE-O level and A level with at least two subjects, or
- (3) passed high school under the US system and taken SAT and TOEFL.

All successful applicants must have standard scores in the admission test and Viva exam. Names of successful applicants will be announced in some national newspapers. These applicants must register and deposit the full tuition and related other fee by December 15 to confirm their admission. Otherwise, the admission offer will be withdrawn and awarded to other qualified applicants in the waiting list. The decision of the NSU Admissions Committee will be final in matters of admission. This decision will be based on a competitive process where each applicant's academic background, performance on the written Admissions Test and the Viva will all be taken into consideration. Students will have to reveal the order of preference among the three academic program they wish to enroll in. Based on their position on the list of successful candidates, they will be admitted into the program of their preference.

Endowment Committee.

Ragib Ali (Managing Director, TLRA Holdings Ltd.) — Life Member, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

M A Awal (Chairman, Prime Group of Industries) — Life Member, Vice Chairman of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee & Member NSU Endowment Committee.

A S F Rahman (Chairman, Bextimco Ltd) — Life Member, Co-Chairman of NSU Endowment Committee, Member of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

S M Kamaluddin (Chairman, Concord Constructions and Engineering Ltd.) — Life Member, Vice Chairman NSU Endowment Committee, Member of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

Yussuf A Harun (Chief Executive, INCONTRAD) — Life Member, Treasurer NSU Endowment Committee; Member of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

N H Khan (Former Secretary and Chair Eastern Bank Ltd.) — General Member of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

Azimuddin Ahmad (Chairman, Mutual Group of Companies) — Life Member, Member of the Board of Governors, Executive Committee & NSU Endowment Committee.

M A Hashem (Chairman, Partex Group) — Life Member, Member of the Board of Governors & Executive Committee.

Mohammad Shahjahan (Managing Director, Shah Fateullah Textiles Mills Ltd.) — Life Member, Member of the Board of Governors and Endowment Committee.

Yasmin Kamal (Director, Minhaj Group of Industries) — Life Member & Member of the Board of Governors. Roushan Alam (Managing Director, Libra Pharmaceuticals Ltd) — Life Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Khorshedi Alam (Former Professor, Holy Cross College) — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Shaista Ahmad (Associate Professor, Titumir College) — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Benazir Ahmad (Managing Director, Raymond Group of Industries) — Life Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

M A Kalam (Managing Director, T K Group of Industries) — Life Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

A Kashem (Managing Director, A K Vegetable Oil Industries) — Life Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Masihur Rahman (Director, Uttara Bank Ltd) — Life Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Faize Jamil (Visiting Teacher, Lowell University) — Life Member, Member of the Board of Governors.

Mahboob Hossain (Former Director General BIDS) — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors. Mahbubur Rahman (Former Joint Secretary) — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Shah A Hannan (Deputy Governor, Bangladesh Bank) — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

M Mahbubul Haq (Former Professor, Dhaka University) — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Syed A Ahad (Professor, Dhaka University) — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors. Mesbahuddin Ahmad — General Member & Member of the Board of Governors.

Junaid Kamal Ahmad — Life Member. Javed Muneer Ahmad — Life Member.

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Partex Group of Industries,

Prime Group of Industries,
Raymond Textiles Fabrics Ltd,
Shah Fatehullah Textile Mills Ltd,

T. K. Group of Industries,
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