A seminar on 'Oxygen - A Friend and Foe'

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DEPARTMENT of Life Sciences and Department of Pharmacy Department of North South University on 1 December arranged a seminar titled 'Oxygen-A Friend and Foe' which was attended by two special speakers Prof. Emeritus Kozi Asada, Kyoto University, Japan and Dr.Konrad Sandhoff, University of Bonn, Germany. The first half of the day was highlighted by a poster presentation session where 40 posters under two categories-Pharmacy and Biotechnology were presented by the faculties of the host university, Dhaka University, Jahangirnagar University, BIRDEM and ICDDR,B. Vice chancellor of North South University, Dr.Hafiz G.A Siddique was present at the poster presentation. A few of these posters were 'Heregulin induction of HSP expression, anchorage independent growth and protection from apoptosis require hsfl' by Dr. Md Abdul Khaleque, 'Genomic analysis of ovine herpes virus-2: bio informatics approach' by Md. Maqsud Hossain, 'Analysis of B-carotene from composite food sample containing FSP and WFSP' by Nusrat Jahan and Prof. SAM Khairul Bashar, 'Characterizing the expression of the Meox 2 homeobox gene in the head of the developing mouse embryo' by Rifath Mohsen and 'Mechanism of insulin secretary effects of traditional plant extract PE 027' by Dr. JMA Hannan.

The seminar started after the lunch with Rifath Mohsen welcoming the guests and the participants from the previous session. Pro-Vice chancellor SAM Khairul Bashar thanked the participating teams from the guest institutions as he started his speech. He informed the audience about the coming into being of the Life Sciences department and the available courses. He also briefed everyone a bit about the Pharmacy Department and announced that NSU has successfully launched Masters program in Pharmacy. About the posters that were presented earlier, Prof Bashar said that all the posters are of international standard and can make potential contribution to research in national level. He also talked about the success of Bangladeshi students in this sector and encouraged the students of this discipline to engage themselves in attending more seminars and symposiums to keep themselves updated.

