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American Nobel Laureate along with University Presidents and Vice Chancellors Join the North South University International Advisory Board

During the recent USA visit of the North South University (NSU) delegation led by Mr. M. A. Kashem, Chairman, Board of Trustees, a meeting of the International Advisory Board (IAB) of NSU was held in Washington, D.C., on May 12, 2016. The other members of the delegation included Trustees Mr. Mohammad Shajahan, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mrs. Rehana Rahman, Mrs. Yasmin Kamal and Mr. Mahbubar Rahman; the Vice Chancellor Professor Atiqul Islam, and the Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences, Professor G. U. Ahsan. The meeting was initially presided over by the outgoing President of the IAB, Professor David Strangway, the former Vice Chancellor of the University of British Columbia and founder Vice Chancellor of Quest University, Canada. He called for electing a new IAB president.

Dr. Rita R. Colwell, Distinguished Professor of the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University was unanimously elected as the new President of the

NSU-IAB. Mr. Kashem, in a warm note of thanks, deeply appreciated Professor Strangway for his contribution in the development of NSU. He then congratulated Dr. Colwell and extended his heartfelt gratitude to her. Mr. Kashem also welcomed Nobel Laureate Dr. Richard J. Roberts, Molecular Biologist of the University of Sheffield, and Harvard University, and Chief Scientist, New England Biolabs, USA. The induction of an American Nobel Laureate in a university's IAB in Bangladesh is the first of its kind. Under the leadership of the new President, Dr. Colwell, and with the active guidance of Noble Laureate, Dr. Roberts, NSU will achieve greater impetus in spearheading itself to a greater height of excellence by initiating joint research and Ph.D. programs.

The other IAB members present were: Professor M. Ataul Karim, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor, University of Massachusetts, USA; Professor Earl D. Kellogg, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign;

Professor Zahid Hasan, Princeton University; Professor Shelly Feldman, Cornell University, and Professor Anwar Huq, University of Maryland. Due to preoccupations, Professor Taher Saif of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and Professor David Little of Harvard University could not attend the meeting. All members of the IAB present deeply appreciated the growth and the achievements of NSU within such a short period of time.

The Chairman, on the same day, hosted a Social Dinner in honor of the IAB members. The dinner was attended by, among other dignitaries, His Excellency Mr. Mohammad Ziauddin, Ambassador of Bangladesh to the USA, Professor Ross Ewin, Vice President of the University of Maryland, and a good number of professors, researchers, and academic administrators including deans, department chairs, and directors from the University of Maryland, George Washington University, National Institutes of Health (NIH), and NASA.



Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman BOT, hands over a bouquet to the outgoing President of IAB, Professor David W. Strangway, in appreciation of his contribution to NSU. The new President Dr. Rita R. Colwell, Nobel Laureate Dr. Richard J. Roberts, Executive Vice Chancellor Professor Ataul Karim, Professor Zahid Hasan, Professor Anwar Huq, NSU Vice Chancellor Professor Atiqul Islam, and NSU Trustees all join in congratulating Professor Strangway.



Dr. Rita R. Colwell, Distinguished University Professor of the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University, has been elected President of the North South University International Advisory Board (IAB). She discusses future strategic goals to achieve higher levels of research and academic excellence with Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of NSU, during their recent meeting in Washington, D.C.



American Nobel Laureate Dr. Richard J. Roberts along with other University Presidents, Vice Chancellors, and members of the North South University Board of Trustees Mr. Md. Shajahan, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mrs. Rehana Rahman, Mrs. Yasmin Kamal, and Mr. Mahbubar Rahman, at the International Advisory Board meeting held in Washington, D.C., USA on May 12, 2016.

NSU Joins the University of Maryland and Johns Hopkins University for Collaborative Research and PhD Programs

The NSU delegation led by Mr. M. A. Kashem, Chairman, Board of Trustees, on invitation of the President of the University of Maryland (UMD), USA, visited UMD on May 11, 2016. The NSU delegation was welcomed by President Wallace Loh, and Distinguished University Professor Dr. Rita R. Colwell. During the formal meeting with President Loh, the BOT Chairman Mr. M. A. Kashem gave a short history of the academic success of NSU along with its noble

vision. He briefly described the spectacular achievements of NSU over the past 24 years, and its development into a reputable international university in Asia.

The Vice Chancellor of NSU spoke about the mutual benefits of the ongoing collaboration between NSU and UMD. He emphasized on specific areas of research including initiating joint Ph.D. programs. Other members of the delegation also participated in the discussion. It was

understood that within a short time, cooperation between the two universities will accelerate and fulfil the desired academic and research goals and outcomes.

President Loh spoke highly of NSU, its rapid growth, and leadership role in Bangladesh. He extended his full commitment, cooperation and support for the immediate development of joint research, Ph.D., and other academic programs.



The NSU delegation led by Mr. M.A. Kashem share a pleasant moment in the President's Office of the University of Maryland. President Loh is on Mr. Kashem's right and Dr. Colwell is on his left. Trustee Mahbubar Rahman is on his far left. From the top left: Vice Chancellor Atiqul Islam, Professor Anwar Huq, Trustee Benajir Ahmed, Trustee Rehana Rahman, Trustee Yasmin Kamal, Vice President Ross, and Trustee Md. Shajahan.



Mr. M.A. Kashem, Chairman, NSU Board of Trustees (BOT), presents a crest to Dean Michael J. Klag of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health after a successful collaboration meeting between the two institutions. The Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences of North South University, Professor G.U. Ahsan, looks on.



President Wallace Loh of the University of Maryland receives a crest from Chairman M.A. Kashem of North South University after completing successful talks between the two institutional leaders. Members of the Board of Trustees, NSU, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mrs. Yasmin Kamal, and Mr. Mahbubar Rahman congratulate the President and the Chairman.

On May 13, 2016, the NSU delegation visited Johns Hopkins University at Baltimore and had a very constructive meeting with Professor Michael J. Klag, Dean of the Bloomberg School of Public Health. Other senior scholars and academicians who were also present included Professor David Sack, Professor Abdullah Baqui, Professor Alain Labrique, and Professor Anwar Huq.

Mr. M. A. Kashem, the leader of the NSU delegation, opened the discussion by identifying areas for active collaboration with Johns Hopkins University. He shared the vision of NSU to be the center of excellence in higher education and research programs. The Vice Chancellor of NSU highlighted the mutual benefits of collaboration in the field of public health, tropical medicine, and climate



A collaboration meeting between top academic and research scholars of the Bloomberg School of Public Health, Johns Hopkins University, and the NSU delegation. Clockwise from left: Professor David Sack, Dean Michael J. Klag, Professor Abdullah Baqui, Professor Alain Labrique, Trustee Benajir Ahmed, Professor Anwar Huq, Dean G.U. Ahsan, Vice Chancellor Atiqul Islam, and Chairman M.A. Kashem, BOT.

change. He emphasized on mutual benefits of collaborative research, international publications, and academic exchange programs. The other members of the NSU delegation highlighted the mutual benefits of joint research on non-communicable diseases, emerging and re-emerging infectious diseases, and climate control.

The two parties agreed on the principles of the collaboration programs. It is highly encouraging that the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health will send a delegation to NSU within this month to work out the details. The NSU Global Health Institute, and the School of Health and Life Sciences, joint recipients of the NASA research grant on climate change which is the first of its kind in Bangladesh, will be the platform for these collaborative efforts.