



NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of excellence in higher education

20th Convocation, April 9, 2017



Message

26 Chaitra 1423
9 April 2017

I am delighted to know that North South University (NSU) is going to hold its 20th Convocation. On the august occasion, I would like to congratulate all the graduating students, their guardians, faculty members and the university authority on their collective endeavor to materialize the hopes and aspirations of our nation.

Convocation, a significant ceremony of a university, provides us with the opportunity to give formal recognition of the graduating students. Education is a powerful tool which can change the destiny of our nation. On this age of technology and globalization, it is more important now than ever to plow ahead for making yourself as worthy as the nation deserves. The government of Bangladesh has attached the topmost priority to education and is committed to ensuring quality education in order to build a developed and enlightened nation within the structure of democracy.

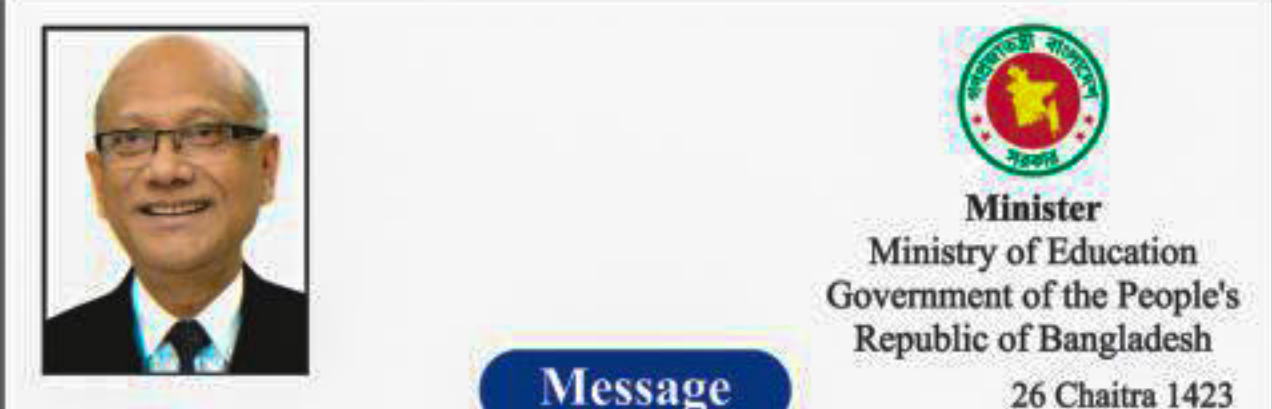
Universities have multi-dimensional responsibilities towards their students and faculties to develop the critical thinking ability as this higher learning institutions are regarded the best for free exchange of views. There should be no room for intolerance, prejudice and hatred within the spaces of educational institutions. Nowadays, the phenomena of terrorism and extremism have emerged not only as a great concern for hindering development and democracy but also as a curse of human civilization. Therefore, we must have to take appropriate measures to root out this ever growing threat for the cause of entire nation and mankind.

To the students, let me say that graduation is the beginning of a challenging journey. Many times are remaining ahead. The education that you have received at NSU will always stand you in good stead. This is a proud moment not just for you, graduating students, but also for your teachers, mentors, faculty members and parents. Sail forth into the world with confidence. Lead us in the building of a better world. As the Bangalis, we have rich cultural heritage which we have been bearing from time immemorial. I call upon the faculty and students to internalise our traditional values and instill them in everyone whose lives they touch.

I wish the 20th Convocation of North South University a great success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid
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I am indeed delighted that North South University (NSU) is holding the 20th Convocation on the 9th of April, 2017, at its Bashundhara campus. Let me extend my heart-felt congratulations to graduating students. Let me also commend the sincere support, guidance, and counsel of the parents, guardians, and teachers that have made this auspicious event and the significant day possible.

The present government values education and believes in the expansion of higher education. It has undertaken numerous short-term and long-term endeavors to promote higher education across the country. It has made quality management of higher education a top priority. The government reiterates that education is never a commodity, and the cost of pursuing education should not be exorbitant. It is therefore commendable that NSU through its generous scholarships attracts underprivileged but talented students. As the first private university in Bangladesh, NSU has already made exceptional contributions to advancing higher education in Bangladesh. I hope that it will continue to excel in the days ahead.

I urge the new graduates to apply their knowledge, skill, and energy to make a meaningful difference in the development of Bangladesh to make it a better place for all.

Finally, I wish the convocation ceremony a great success, and the graduates a bright, enlightening, and fulfilling future.

Nurul Islam Nahid, M.P.
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On the 20th Convocation of North South University (NSU), I would like to extend my congratulations to the graduating students. NSU was founded in 1992 with a vision to impart world class education in Bangladesh. The university, since then, has been working towards attaining excellence in education. We are happy to say that our efforts have not gone in vain. Dedication, hard work, and effective planning have contributed to our success.

The Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman saw a dream and the people rose to fulfill the dream. We know our history and believe that our students must be made aware of their responsibility to fulfill the dreams and take Bangladesh to greater heights. They have vital roles to play in the development of their motherland and, institutionally, it is up to us to make them aware of their roles. A university education is not simply about receiving a degree or a diploma or about the ability to get a good salary in an organization; it is also, perhaps more, about maintaining ethics and morality in one's actions, about loyalty to the country, duty to the community, love of fellow beings. It is about being aware of one's and others' rights, about learning to accept differences with tolerance, encountering foolishness with wisdom, stubbornness with patience, adversity with courage. We try to inculcate all these values in our students. Then, it becomes their mission to serve the needs of the people of Bangladesh and finally the people of the world.

Our graduates will receive certificates today which will mark the completion of their studies. These certificates will be validated when they prove that they are responsible citizens, dynamic thinkers, and able leaders. I am confident that they will not let us down.

Azim Uddin Ahmed
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A Brief History

North South University (NSU), the first private university in Bangladesh, was established in 1992 by the then Foundation for Promotion of Education and Research (FPER), a charitable, non-profit, non-commercial and non-political organization. The FPER later was renamed as the NSU Foundation and is presently called the North South Foundation. The Foundation is comprised of a group of eminent industrialists, prominent patrons of education, notable philanthropists, widely experienced academics, and senior civil servants of the country. In the early 1990s, they had a dream to set up a world-class university as a center of excellence in higher education in the private sector. Their dedication, tireless efforts, and hard work paved the way for approval of the establishment of NSU. Since, at that time, there was no relevant law in the country to set up and operate a university in the private sector, they took the entire burden and extended their best efforts in assisting the then government in formulating the relevant law and enacting it. Subsequently, the government, pursuant to the newly enacted law, the Private University Act (PUA)-1992 (now repealed by PUA-2010), approved the establishment of NSU. The university was formally inaugurated on 10 February, 1993 and started its journey in a very modest way. Later, in 2012, the NSU Foundation, in light of the PUA-2010 and as instructed by the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission, formed the NSU Trust with the same group of people in the Foundation and vested the entire management and administration of NSU in its Board of Trustees (BOT). The Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of NSU.

The BOT is the apex policy making and approving body of the university. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed is the current Chairman of the BOT. He is the Chairman of the Mutual Group of Companies, as well as a Founder Director and Former Chairman of Southeast Bank. Mr. Ahmed is a founding member of a renowned social club of the country, the Gulshan Club, and served as its President for two terms. He received the Royal Diploma from Denmark for his contributions to the Bangladeshi economy and received the President Trophy for Export for two consecutive years.

The other members of the BOT are Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mr. Iftekharul Alam, Dr. Roushon Alam, Mr. M. A. Awal, Mr. Yussuf A. Harun, Mr. M. A. Hashem, Mr. M. A. Kalam, Mr. S. M. Kamaluddin, Mr. M. A. Kashem, Mr. Abul Kashem, Mrs. Yasmin Kamal, Mrs. Rehana Rahman, Mr. A. S. F. Rahman, Mr. Mohammed Shajahan, Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, and Mr. Nurul H. Khan.

All of them are also the members of the NSU Trust. Professor Atiqul Islam, the Vice-Chancellor of NSU, is the Ex-Officio Member of the BOT. The other members of the NSU Trust are Mr. Mahbubur Rahman, Professor Syed A. Ahad, and Mrs. Shaista Ahmed.

The Syndicate is next to the BOT and is headed by the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor is also the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the university. He is responsible for managing the administrative and academic affairs of the university as per the Private University Act (PUA-2010) and implementing the policy guidelines set by the BOT.

The Vice-Chancellor is assisted by a Pro-Vice-Chancellor and a Treasurer. All of them are appointed by the Honorable Chancellor on recommendation of the BOT. Professor Atiqul Islam is the current Vice-Chancellor of NSU.

In general, NSU is modeled on US universities and follows their academic features such as the semester system, credit hours, letter grades, etc. When first introduced, its curricula of undergraduate programs such as economics, business, and computer science were largely modeled on the curricula of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and were duly approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, the highest accrediting authority on higher education of the country. NSU has an International Advisory Board, comprised of scholars from all over the world, to counsel and to suggest improvements on academic matters of the university.

The university is delivering a substantial general education curriculum, has a Strategic Plan, and has initiated and implemented student instructional learning assessment for degree programs and courses and is in the process of developing the infrastructure for evaluation of institutional effectiveness for its institutional accreditation.

Vision

North South University will be and will remain as a center of excellence in higher education. It will gain recognition, nationally and globally, and will attract students, faculty members, and staff from all parts of the world.

Mission

The mission of North South University is to produce competent graduates in their selected disciplines who will have productive careers or will choose to engage in advanced studies. Our students will be: (1) life-long learners with good leadership skills. (2) more proficient in oral, written, and electronic communication. (3) critical thinkers with well-developed analytical skills. (4) ethical and socially responsible. (5) champions of diversity and tolerance. (6) globally aware with commitment to social justice and sustainability.

Strategy

The university aims at: (1) offering socially relevant academic programs consisting of a substantial general education component in all undergraduate programs; (2) recruiting and retaining good students, well-trained faculty members with graduate degrees from overseas, and qualified staff; (3) promoting effective teaching, quality research, and outstanding service; (4) providing appropriate physical facilities including classrooms, laboratories, and a library with state-of-the-art educational technology; (5) supporting co-curricular and extra-curricular activities; (6) practicing good governance and administration that encourage academic freedom and faculty-staff participation; and (7) purposeful engagement of our alumni and community leaders.

Chancellor's Gold Medal



Yasir Arefin Rahib
Valedictorian
Bachelor of Business Administration in MIS
Summa Cum Laude



Salwa Khan
Master of Business Administration
Concentration in Marketing

Vice Chancellor's Gold Medal



Fariha Haque Rashna
Bachelor of Business Administration
in Marketing
Second Major in HRM
Summa Cum Laude



Sumaita Shaira Hasan
Bachelor of Arts in English
Summa Cum Laude



Sumaiya Tasnim
Bachelor of Science in
Electrical and Electronic Engineering
Summa Cum Laude



Kazi Afnan
Bachelor of Pharmacy
Summa Cum Laude



Tamoha Binte Siddiqui
Master of Arts in English
Concentration in TESOL



Gourab Adhikary
Master of Public Health
Concentration in Epidemiology



Romasa Qasim
Master of Science in
Computer Science & Engineering

Graduating Students of the 20th Convocation 2017

School	Undergraduate	Graduate	Total
School of Business & Economics	1231	430	1661
School of Health & Life Sciences	192	299	491
School of Engineering & Physical Sciences	363	12	375
School of Humanities & Social Sciences	43	72	115
Grand Total	1829	813	2642

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I am happy to know that North South University is going to hold its 20th Convocation on 9 April 2017 in Dhaka. On this occasion, I would like to congratulate the graduating students, their parents, faculty members and the university authority.

The Awami League government has given utmost priority to higher education to facilitate country's socio-economic development. In this regard, we adopted a modern, scientific and time-befitting Education Policy to ensure quality education. We enacted Private University Act-2010 to boost up higher education facilities. Since 2009, the government established 8 public universities and gave permission to set up and operate 42 private universities. Private universities have become an integral part of our government's endeavours to build a knowledge-based society.

I hope that the graduating students of North South University will play a vital role in building a 'Sonar Bangla' as dreamt by the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

I wish the 20th Convocation of North South University a complete success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.
Sheikh Hasina
Sheikh Hasina



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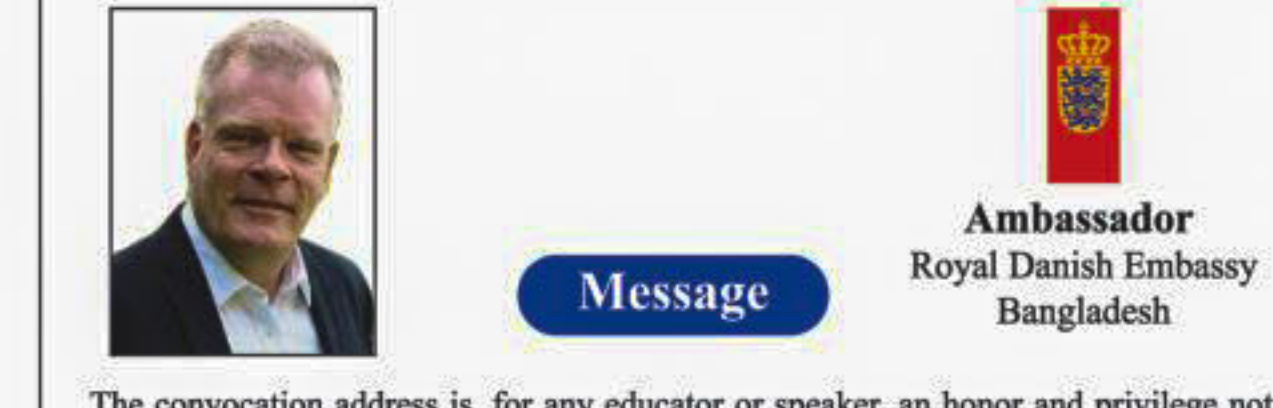
It is a pleasure to be a part of North South University as it holds its 20th Convocation on April 9, 2017, at its own campus in Bashundhara. My heartfelt congratulations to the graduating students, and I wish them all the best, and success in their future. The University Grants Commission is always striving to maintain the highest standards of higher education in the nation and, as such, works towards ensuring that the universities we have are providing our hopeful youth with the service they deserve.

Bangladesh is now aiming for great advancements in education. Soon, we will be a middle-income country with our citizens having access to the best that the world has to offer. With regards to the incredible progress we have made over the last few years, an instrumental part has been the quality of young graduates from North South University. These graduates play such an important role in the country's development and future. Without them, a country would be rudderless, with no direction to go. To bridge this gap the University Grants Commission takes its role in the country's development very seriously, and aims to ensure that the universities we have in the country are up to world class standards.

NSU has proven time and again that quality education is a reality in Bangladesh as it continues to provide one of the best education to our young citizens through its excellent facilities and faculty members who prioritize the interests of the students above everything. This is a crucial aspect to ensuring that the quality that is expected of our esteemed private universities persists, and continues spectacularly into the future. North South University has no doubt ensured excellence in its education for more than two decades and I hope that the graduates of this year will continue to make this country proud.

I wish this convocation a huge success.

Professor Abdul Mannan
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Message

The convocation address is, for any educator or speaker, an honor and privilege not lightly taken. For inviting me to speak on behalf of this prestigious institution and for welcoming me with such warmth, I thank you.

Before we begin talking about your graduation, and the trials and triumphs that brought you here, I would like to first acknowledge the history between our two countries. After the Liberation War of 1971, Denmark was one of the first countries to acknowledge Bangladesh as an independent nation. Since then, we have collaborated on a number of fronts, tackling issues such as agriculture and employment, climate resilience and sustainable energy, governance and human rights. Denmark is not only an ally but a friend to Bangladesh, a well-wisher and ardent supporter of its endeavor in meeting the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, a challenge that you graduates will be expected to meet.

Today is an auspicious day for many reasons. You are not only graduating from one of the finest institutions in this part of the world, you are the 20th class to do so. It is also the day you are taking your first steps into adulthood. As graduates of an institution with a longstanding reputation for scholarship like North South University, you have the arduous and admittedly daunting task of living up to the expectations of your proud parents and your esteemed faculty.

But do not forget your own expectations, the wishes each of you had for yourselves or the goals you set or the dreams you have nurtured, on the journey from your admission into NSU to your convocation on this fine spring day. Do not forget the many sleepless nights spent studying for a midterm or the long hours wading through traffic to get to class or the countless conversations, over tea and samosas in the cafeteria. In the days between then and now it might have all seemed irrelevant or ordinary, the expected trials and triumphs of undergraduate life. But rest assured, each and every moment in these last few years has been significant in shaping who you are and who you will become. All of it was building to this very moment. All of it was for this.

I want to leave you with some advice. Follow your dreams and pursue what you would consider success. However, do not forget others and think about society as a whole. Be critical towards the existing order, and be a voice of reform and change. As young and resourceful, you are the hopes for the future for all of us.

Congratulations on completing your journey here at North South University. I wish you luck and success for the life ahead. Thank you all.

Mikael Hemniti Winther
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It is a moment of great pride for me to present to their peers, their parents, the nation, and to the world our class of 2017. With over 2,600 graduates, this 20th batch is the largest group of students to ever graduate from North South University. These fine young men and women are an integral part of the bright future of Bangladesh, and armed with bachelor's and master's degrees in business and engineering, in science and health, in social sciences and in English, they are ready to meet the future head on.

This year's graduating class all began their NSU journey as freshers knowing far less than they do now but eager to learn. They persisted through many trials, personal and political, logical and logistical, and came through them all successfully to become graduating seniors and, soon, alumni. North South University has similarly endured and thrived and has grown even as they grew. Though they will no longer be active students here, they will be NSUers for life, and their successes will be, at least in small part, the successes of all of us in the NSU community.

I would like to thank and congratulate our graduating class, of course, but would also like to bestow some praise on the parents and guardians and family members of our graduates. Your support of your sons and daughters, sisters and brothers, and family and friends made it possible for them to get to where they are today. We all have done it together, students, their families, and this institution, and of that we can all be immensely proud as we look forward to what they can and will do in the future to better themselves, their families, this nation, and the world.

Professor Atiqul Islam
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