



Message
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It gives me great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations on the auspicious occasion of the 25th founding anniversary of the North South University (NSU). I strongly believe that North South University has opened a new vista in the world of academia, not just for the student body but the faculty members and the management as well.

In its pursuit of excellence, NSU has taken great strides and continues to do so. It has astounded the most brilliant minds amongst our fellow citizens by empowering the most potential ones to gain knowledge and skills. Most significantly, this institution has inspired visions that pave the path for the betterment of our collective society.

On this felicitous occasion, I congratulate the founders, the Board of Trustees, the administrative body, faculty members and students for their outstanding efforts and endeavors in creating education-friendly environment in higher education in Bangladesh. NSU graduates have proved to be innovative, skillful and well-trained. I hope this spirit will continue to flow undeterred and the quality of education offered shall be upheld and sustained. Only then graduates can stand out as role models and significantly enhance the prospects of our country.

I wish the silver Jubilee celebration of North South University a grand success. Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid

NSU Silver Jubilee: 1992-2017

The journey of North South University is the story of a community that came together and boldly decided to make a difference for a better tomorrow. What started with a small idea, and a large amount of hope has culminated into an outstanding institution that has achieved iconic status in its attainments and aspirations throughout the world.

In the 25 years of its growth and success, NSU has reached many milestones far beyond what was expected at its inception. From the wide range of programs it offers, to accreditation by prestigious agencies from the USA; from establishing a state-of-the-art campus, to attracting an internationally qualified faculty; from training a talented and dedicated student body, to producing highly successful alumni who are leaders in all fields; and, from launching collaborative projects with international research organizations such as NASA, Johns Hopkins University, to hosting international faculty and students from all corners of the world, together we have achieved much to be proud of.

As we celebrate our Silver Jubilee, we must also remember those who have made this memorable journey possible - the parents and guardians of our students who believed in us and shared our challenges and joys; our believed students who remind us each and every day that this path we had chosen for ourselves was one of worth and value; and the support of faculty and staff who helped guide NSU's rise to excellence. And of course none of this would have been possible without the capable leadership of our Honorable Board of Trustees.

This Silver Jubilee also paves the way for the next milestones - the new challenges and successes that will mark our story from this point forth. The excitement with which we celebrate today's occasion arms us with the hope and drive to continue working and aiming for heights greater than those we had previously aimed for in the past. It has been a truly exhilarating ride, but if there is one thing that we can promise ourselves it is that the chapters to come will be even more exciting and, God willing, fulfilling. We will gather today, on the 22nd of May, 2017, not only to honor our 25th anniversary, but also to promise each other the vision, commitment, and hard work that will help write the accomplishments that lie in store for us. To share these new aspirations, we hope to see you on board!

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I am happy to know that North South University (NSU) is going to celebrate its Silver Jubilee (25th Anniversary) on 22-24 May 2017.

On this occasion, I congratulate the founders of NSU on setting up such a private university that is remarkably contributing to the country's education sector. The founders' commitments, efforts, and seriousness established the fame of the university. The faculty members of the university deserve appreciation for building the standard of the university. As a result of the faculty members' serious contributions, the university has touched the milestone of 25 years. I am glad to learn that many of the NSU graduates have been contributing in their respective fields at home and abroad.

The Awami League Government has given utmost priority on higher education to build a knowledge-based society. Therefore, our government 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.

I hope that NSU will play an important role in building a Sonar Bangladesh as dreamt by the greatest Bangalee of all time, Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

I would like to extend my best wishes for the NSU community on successfully completing the 25 years.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina

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On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee of North South University, I congratulate the Board of Trustees, the administration, members of the faculty and students. I appreciate the extraordinary strides the University has made in education and the lives of many in the last 25 years. It is needless to say that North South University has set new milestones in the history of private higher education in Bangladesh and pioneered academic excellence outside the realm of public education. This esteemed institution has taken important steps in its quest for achieving reputation and it continues to do so with unwavering vigour. There have been a host of dedicated visionaries who have worked tirelessly to make this possible.

There was a time when Dhaka could only boast of one university, and it was publicly owned. However, as the population of Dhaka grew, so did its demand for higher education that could not be solely met by the existing institution. It was a difficult challenge to undertake, and North South University has proved itself remarkably successful in living up to it. Even though it has had humble beginnings, it is truly inspiring to see what the conviction of a handful of determined educationists can bring about. At its 25th birth anniversary, I wish North South University continues to live up to its glory and that it continues to positively impact the lives of its students and staff. I wish the students and graduates of this prestigious institution of learning a wordless career and endless opportunities to give back to the society what they have received in the course of their education.

Nurul Islam Nahid, M.P.

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.

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It is an immense pleasure to know that North South University (NSU) is commemorating its journey of 25 years. Over the years the university has set its firm feet on the ground.

University education is about creating universal human beings, who learn through both experiments and performances. University creates that platform of experimenting and performing for students. They study texts, talk to their peers and teachers, observe their surroundings, experiment different approaches or theories, and also deliver their own thoughts or understanding in front of the both learned and general audiences. As a result of continuing these experimentations and performances, along with cultural activities, for a sustaining period of time, they eventually become assets, first of all, for themselves, secondly, for their families, and finally, for the society. Not only for themselves and families, I believe all the students will also equally contribute for the welfare of the society, irrespective of class, gender, religion etc., so that their contributions assist improve the society as a whole. When our contributions encircle the selves, the families, and the society as a whole, only then universality, which means being kind, sincere, and respectful to all and everything, becomes possible, where human beings both give to and take from each other.

I thank the NSU community, where, I believe, universal humanism is nurtured. The university has already significantly contributed in spreading education that is diverse, exciting, and universal. I also believe the university will contribute much more in the years to come.

25 years itself is a long journey, but there are more long journeys waiting ahead. I hope NSU will keep moving forward. This must be a time of emotion, color, festive, and joy for the NSU community!

I wish NSU all the best for its future!

Professor Abdul Mannan

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With great honor and pleasure I would like to announce that it has been twenty five years since the founding of Bangladesh's most prestigious private university, our beloved North South University (NSU).

Being the very first of its kind, North South University's prestige at home and abroad was not earned overnight. Since its inception in 1992, NSU has undergone a great many changes, and to say that the progress rate of this institution has been remarkable would only be an understatement. A quarter of a century ago, we began with 137 students as opposed to the current 22,000, 11 faculty members as opposed to the current 500, 3 departments as opposed to the current 16. Moreover, presently, we have about 300 international students.

The list of achievements and success stories is never-ending; however, NSU would not be able to celebrate its Silver Jubilee today, had it not been for the immense efforts put in by the Trustees, the executives, the academic leaders, deans of schools, department chairs, faculty members, administrative heads, and of course the students.

Moreover, NSU's success highly depends on the fact that the NSU community continues to work relentlessly so that it may achieve ever greater benchmarks in the years to come. I urge my colleagues and students to commit themselves in making NSU a place where there is an abundant flow of knowledge, where innovation and creativity is encouraged, where future leaders are born, and where the education imparted creates conscientious citizens who in turn contribute to society.

As part of the NSU family, it is only expected that everyone in it will continue to work together in making this institution an exemplary one and in making it the pride of our nation.

Happy Silver Jubilee to one and all.

Azim Uddin Ahmed

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.

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I feel particularly fortunate to be the Vice-Chancellor of this great university on its 25th year. On the occasion of our Silver Jubilee celebrations I pay tribute to the far-sighted and courageous founding fathers of this great institution. Their vision will never lose relevance but will need ever changing strategies to pursue them effectively.

What this university has achieved over its twenty five years is nothing but a miracle. We have a magnificent campus, 22,000 students, over 500 highly qualified and totally dedicated faculty members; we have an excellent library, a highly effective student counseling center as well as effective student and general services. Our courses are accredited by national (ABETE) and international professional (ACBSP) accreditation bodies alike. NSU graduates enjoy a 100% employment rate. Achievements worth celebrating indeed!

We are not only the oldest but also rated the best (overall) by the best world rankings. We are the only private university in Bangladesh recognized for its research performance by the Scopus. We have research collaboration with institutions like NASA, Johns Hopkins, George Washington and the University of Maryland. In the 25th year NSU hosted, with outstanding success the ICCIT and the International Conference on Genomics and Nano-Technology. In the Silver Jubilee year, we had visits from, among others, Nobel Laureate Sir Richard Roberts and Distinguished University Professor, world famous scientist and humanist, Dr. Rita Colwell. We have been receiving millions of dollars in external research funding.

We are about to start the construction of a modern and comprehensive campus on our newly acquired 250 bighas of real estate complete with student dorms, playgrounds, swimming pool and other modern amenities soon. We are determined to maintain our lead in learning outcomes, and intensify our research engagement and international activities further to enhance our standing in the world community of universities.

Happy celebrations!!

Professor Atiqul Islam

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NSU at a Glance

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. Mahbubar 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.

NSU has an International Advisory Board, headed by Dr. Rita R. Colwell, to provide counsel on academic matters. The board members include professors and administrators from world-class universities and international organizations.

NSU students are accepted in the graduate programs of Harvard University, MIT, Princeton, the University of California at Berkeley, Cornell, University of Pennsylvania, Oxford, Cambridge, and other reputable universities worldwide. Currently there are several hundred foreign students at NSU.

NSU maintains academic and research collaborations with many foreign universities and research institutes of USA, UK, Canada, and Australia.

The various schools of NSU have received external research grants from prestigious international organizations. There are a number of collaborative projects at NSU, such as the Canadian IDRC-NSU Research Project (Non-Communicable Disease), the NASA Project, the Global Health & Climate Research Institute, and the Genome Research Institute.

A number of journals are published by NSU, which have earned international reputation, and draw submissions from foreign scholars, and are internationally cited.

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The celebration of 25 years of excellence in higher education and research is a historic moment for the NSU family, friends, alumni, and the nation. As the first private university of Bangladesh, NSU symbolizes the trends of world-class education and research in the private sector of Bangladesh.

NSU is recognized as the Center of Excellence in Higher education, and is also recognized as the gateway to advance career destinations.

North South University has produced 18,000 highly competent graduates who are working in various leadership positions at home and abroad. NSU has established alumni networks in North America, Europe, Australia, and many Asian countries. Through this network, graduates have direct access to career development opportunities around the globe. We have signed over 50 MoUs with world-class universities of the world.

Let us all celebrate and wish continued success for NSU to be top ranked in Asia.

Professor G. U. Ahsan