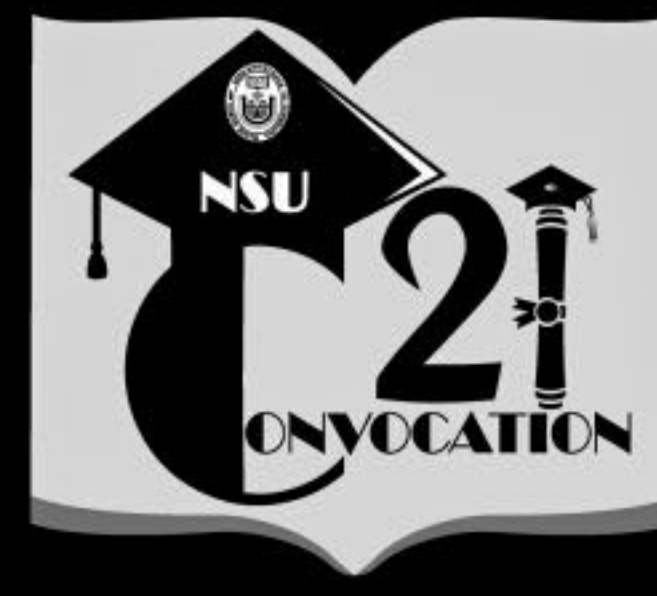




NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of excellence in higher education

21st Convocation, 17th February 2018



PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
BANGABHABAN, DHAKA

Message

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I am delighted to know that North South University is going to hold its 21st Convocation on February 17, 2018. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to extend my heartfelt felicitations to all the graduating students, guardians, teachers and university authority as well.

Now A days, quality education is of the essence to face the global challenges and build a knowledge-based digital society. The Government of Bangladesh has taken manifold measures to ensure the quality of education. The government has formulated National Education Policy 2010 and enacted Private University Act, 2010. I believe, universities, both private and public, would play their due role in materializing the hopes and aspirations of the people.

The convocation is a landmark occasion for the graduates. It provides the opportunity for evaluating the overall activities of a graduating student as well as of the university authority. Ours is a globalized world and technology is helping increasingly shrink the borders between countries and continents. I hope the young generation will keep us in pace with the advances made by the rest of the world and ensure our continued prosperity. Since its inception North South University has made great strides in the field of education. I hope the graduating students will serve the nation imbued with the zeal of patriotism and dedication and contribute towards building a happy and prosperous Bangladesh.

I wish the 21st convocation of North South University a grand success. Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid
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Nurul Islam Nahid M.P.
Minister
Ministry of Education
Government of the People's
Republic of Bangladesh

Message

I am glad to know that North South University (NSU) is going to arrange the 21st Convocation on the 17th February, 2018. In this event, I would like to congratulate the graduating students and also the staff both academic and administrative, parents and those who are behind the success of the students.

On this auspicious occasion, I would thank all the people who put their efforts to make this university one of the outstanding institutions in Bangladesh. It is a pleasure to see that NSU has always encouraged the students in developing the economy of Bangladesh and making the country one of the progressive communities in the world.

The youth of today with their outstanding skills should turn Bangladesh, known as a land of emerald and silver, into a modern Bangladesh, which is prosperous, safe and culture-oriented. In this regard, I must compliment NSU for encouraging distinct cultural activities at their premises that inspire the students with the indomitable and unbending spirit of the Liberation War of Bangladesh. Since its birth, NSU has also been successfully bringing out the talent in the student community and nurturing the spirit and creativity by making the best use of the student-run clubs. These clubs have performed extraordinarily well in both national and international grounds.

I wish NSU all the best for its future endeavors.

Nurul Islam Nahid, M.P.
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Mr. Mohammed Shajahan
Chairman, Board of Trustees
North South University

Message

I am delighted that North South University (NSU) is holding its 21st convocation on February 17, 2018. Let me extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the graduating students. Since the inception of NSU in the year 1992, the university has been keen on maintaining its vision of imparting world-class education in Bangladesh. It is also my delight to know that we have been working towards achieving excellence in education and our efforts have not gone in vain. This day proves that diligence, hard work and proper planning have contributed to our success in recent times.

Our graduates must ensure their knowledge of our history so that they can rise to the challenges of the modern world and fulfill the dream of our Father of the Nation, Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman—taking Bangladesh to greater heights and establishing global rapport. It is up to us, as an institution, to impart this knowledge and make our students aware of their duties of working towards the betterment and development of their precious nation.

From the outside, it may seem that a university education is all about attaining a degree or diploma, which leads to a good salary in an established organization; however, in reality it is much more than that. University education teaches us about ethics, morals, loyalty to the country, duty to the community, and love of our fellow beings. It also teaches us to think globally, accept differences, to be tolerant, to show wisdom to handle foolishness, to demonstrate patience to handle stubbornness, to deal with adversity with courage; it teaches us to be aware of one's own rights and the rights of fellow beings, to become law abiding upright citizens. We, here at NSU, try our best to instill these values in our students so that they, in turn, make it their mission to serve the nation, its people, and finally the world.

The completion of our graduates' studies here at NSU is marked by the certificates they receive today. They can further validate the value of this certificate when they venture out into the world and uphold all that's been taught along with being conscientious citizens, vibrant thinkers and proficient leaders. I'm confident that they will make us proud.

Md. Shajahan
Mohammed Shajahan



Professor G. U. Ahsan, Ph.D.
Pro Vice-Chancellor (Designate)
North South University

Message

I am delighted and proud of you, NSU graduates, for the successful completion of your long-sought-after education program. I am very glad to convey my congratulations to you and your proud parents, and I strongly believe that all of you have learned to use each challenge as an opportunity to turn every failure into success for your future.

May I advise you not to waste any single moment by believing that getting a career opportunity is the single-most important act in the journey of life. You also have responsibilities as a citizen of this great nation and a graduate of this esteemed institution.

North South University has produced approximately 18,000 highly competent graduates who are working in various leadership positions at home and abroad. NSU has established the finest alumni network in North America, Europe, Australia and many Asian countries, who are ready to help you. Tomorrow, you will become active members of this alumni network and must keep your bonds to your alma mater strong. Don't let the noise of others' opinions drown out your own voices; keep courage in your hearts and confidence in your actions. This will, hopefully, make you the best you can be.

Professor G. U. Ahsan
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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 for Education and Research. 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 the 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 on themselves and extended their best efforts in enacting 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 the 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 as 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 Board of Trustees (BOT) is the apex policy making and approving body of the university. Mr. Mohammed Shajahan is the current Chairman of the BOT. He is the Managing Director of Shah Fatehullah Textile Mills Ltd. and Jalal Ahmed Spinning Mills Ltd., a leading textile spinning group in Bangladesh. He is a CIP (Commercially Important Person) in the country, one of the former Directors of Bangladesh Chamber of Industries (BCI) and former Honorary Consul of the Republic of Moldova to Bangladesh with the status of a Diplomat. The other members of the BOT are Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mr. Iftekharul Alam, Dr. Roushon Alam, Mr. Ragib Ali, 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, Dr. Junaid Kamal Ahmad, and Mrs. Shaista Ahmed. 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, Mr. Nurul H. Khan, Prof. Syed A. Ahad and Mr. Shah A Hannan. 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. He was the Pro Vice-Chancellor (Engagement) of Edith Crown University in Australia. Earlier he served as the Dean of the Faculty of Business and Government at the University of Canberra. Over his long academic career he served at the University of Sydney, University of New South Wales, Curtin University, University of Canterbury and the National University of Singapore. He has a strong track record in academic administration and negotiating international programs.

In general, NSU is modeled on US universities and follows their academic features such as semester systems, 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 Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and were duly approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh, the highest accrediting authority of 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 is, will be, and will remain a center of excellence in higher education. It will gain recognition nationally and globally and will attract students, faculty, 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:

- life-long learners with good leadership skills,
- proficient in oral, written, and electronic communication,
- critical thinkers with well-developed analytical skills,
- ethical and socially responsible,
- champions of diversity and tolerance,
- globally aware with a commitment to social justice

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 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 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 with our alumni and community leaders.

Chancellor's Gold Medal

Pinku Deb Nath
Valedictorian
Bachelor of Science in
Computer Science and Engineering
GPA 3.98
Summa Cum Laude



Md. Humayun Kabir
Master of Business Administration
Concentration in Finance
GPA 4.0



Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal



Tarannum Azim Baligh
Bachelor of Business
Administration in Finance
and Accounting
Second Major in Economics
GPA 3.95
Summa Cum Laude



Sadia Ferdous
Bachelor of Science in English
GPA 3.75
Magna Cum Laude



Anika Tasnim
Bachelor of Science in
Computer Science and
Engineering
GPA 3.95
Summa Cum Laude



Humaira Binte Noor
Bachelor of Pharmacy
GPA 3.95
Summa Cum Laude



Md. Momtazul Islam
Master of Science in
Economics
GPA 3.92



Nasrin Mukty
Executive Master of Public
Health
GPA 4.0



Nadia Tabassum
Master of Arts in English
GPA 3.88



Sayma Shammi
Master of Science in Electronic
& Telecommunication Engineering
GPA 4.0

Graduating Students of the 21st Convocation 2018

SCHOOL	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL
School of Business and Economics	1274	493	1767
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences	409	35	444
School of Humanities and Social Sciences	51	73	124
School of Health and Life Sciences	195	270	465
Total	1929	871	2800

LIVE telecast on 17th February, 2018, at 11:00 a.m.



PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH

Message

05 Falgun 1424
17 February 2018

I am happy to learn that North South University (NSU) is going to hold its 21st convocation on 17 February 2018 in Dhaka. On this occasion, I would like to congratulate the graduating students, their parents, faculty members and the university authority.

Our government has relentlessly been working to turn Bangladesh into a middle income country by 2021 and a developed one by 2041. In this regard, we have attached top priority to education sector. A time-befitting and scientific 'National Education Policy' has been enacted to ensure quality education. We adopted 'Private University Act 2010' to boost up higher education facilities. The government established new schools, colleges and universities across the country during last nine years. Besides, we have given permission to set up and operate 42 private universities. The opportunities for higher education and research have been increased in the country. Bangabandhu Fellowship on Science and ICT Project is being implemented to conduct research activities and create scientists, technicians and researchers.

I hope that the graduating students of 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 wish the 21st convocation of NSU a complete success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu May Bangladesh Live Forever.

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



Dr. Martin Chalfie
University Professor
Department of Biological Sciences
Columbia University
New York, NY U.S.A.



Message

Graduations are the results of an astonishing amount of hard work by faculty and staff, family and friends, and, of course, the students we honor and celebrates with this, the 21st Convocation of North South University. I am honored to be part of the festivities and to share the pride that all these people have in the accomplishments that have led to this moment. I congratulate all of you.

For each group, however, the pride of the occasion is somewhat different. Faculty and staff see the results of their teaching and mentoring come to fruition; family and friends see their hopes of a brighter future take shape before their eyes, and the graduates, while enjoying what they have achieved, see a major change on their horizons, an unknown that is both exciting and, to some extent, intimidating.

In this regard, I have always been surprised by the phrases that are often said to students, "Opportunities await. You can do anything you want. Follow your passion." I remember thinking when I heard such advice at the time of my graduation from college that I had no idea what my passion was or what I was supposed to do next. I suspect that I was not alone in feeling this, and that some of you may even feel the same way right now. To those people and in fact to all the graduates, I think we should say something different: don't worry about discovering your passion; instead take your education and the pride of your teachers and your families and discover the world. The passion will follow. The adventure is discovering it and yourselves. Welcome to the next stage of your lives, whatever it will be. Congratulations.

Dr. Martin Chalfie
Dr. Martin Chalfie



Professor Atiqul Islam, Ph.D.
Vice-Chancellor
North South University

Message



I am immensely delighted and proud to present our graduating class of 2018 in front of their peers, parents, the nation and to the world. These vibrant individuals graduating today, armed with Bachelor's and Master's degrees in business and engineering, in science and health, in social sciences and in English, are the ones who will helm the boat of success in future Bangladesh.

The graduating class began their NSU journeys as freshers, having less knowledge than what they do now, but keen to learn and adapt. They persevered through the trials they were put through, personal, political and logistical, and came out as winners, who will soon join our worldwide network of alumni. Their growth is on par with our own growth as an institution, as we also endured and flourished. All is well that ends well, and it is now time for us to part ways with our class of 2018, in hopes that they will shine brighter as days go by and make NSU proud. As we watch them go by, we, here at NSU, will still continue to support them in any way we can. Even though they will no longer bear the active student status here at NSU, they will be forever NSUers and their triumphs and successes in life shall be, even in small part, the successes of all of us here in the NSU community.

Along with congratulating our graduating class, I would also like to thank and commend the parents, guardians and family members of the graduates. Your continuing and relentless support made it possible for these students to be where they are today, proud university graduates, all geared up to go into the workplace or pursue further education in the approaching days and years. Each and everyone here should be immeasurably proud as we have done it together, students, families, peers and this institution, to create this graduating class. We can look forward to what they can and will do in future for themselves, their families, the nation, and for the world.

Professor Atiqul Islam
Professor Atiqul Islam

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