



NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of Excellence in Higher Education

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PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
BANGLABANDHU, DHAKA

Message

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I am delighted to learn that North South University is holding its 22nd convocation in a befitting manner. On the eve of the occasion, I would like to congratulate the graduating students, faculty members, guardians and the management of this institution on their enormous contribution. Bangladesh is advancing towards prosperity and development. Our vision is to turn Bangladesh into a middle-income country by 2021 and a developed one by 2041. In line with the vision, Bangladesh has embarked upon a courageous journey of moving forward under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina. However, such achievement would be a far cry without equipping our youth with a quality education. Keeping that in mind, the government of Bangladesh has taken pragmatic initiatives for ensuring quality education from primary to tertiary level. I hope that all educational institutions will take all-out measures in ensuring quality education and values.

1. urge upon the graduating students of NSU to render dedicated services to the nation imbued with the sense of patriotism and indomitable spirit of war of liberation. Remember that this country has been liberated by the millions who made supreme sacrifice for the sake of the country. Therefore, it is your noble responsibility to fulfill the objectives of our freedom and bring smile into the have-nots section of the society. As the agent of change maker, you will uphold high ethical standards and fight against corruption, extremism, deprivation and injustice with a view to building knowledge-based just and equitable society. I wish you all a very bright future.

I wish the 22nd convocation of North South University a grand success.

Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Md. Abdul Hamid



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বাণী

নর্থ সাউথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ২২তম সমাবেশ অনুষ্ঠিত হতে যাচ্ছে আমি আনন্দিত। যে সকল কৃতি শিক্ষার্থী এই মহতি অনুষ্ঠানের মাধ্যমে সনদ লাভ করছে তাদের আমি তাদের আত্মিক অর্জনের ও গুণে জ্ঞান। তাদের অভিজ্ঞতা, নিবেদিতপ্রাণ শিক্ষক ও নর্থ সাউথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় কর্তৃপক্ষের ধন্যবাদ জানাই। তাদের পিতা বহুবলু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমানের সুযোগ্য কন্যা মানবীর প্রদানকর্তা জননেত্রী শেখ হাসিনার নক ও গৃহীত নৈতিক গুণ এক দশকে দেশের শিক্ষাব্যবস্থার ব্যাধিকারী পরিবর্তন সাধিত হয়েছে। সকলের জন্য শিক্ষা নিশ্চিত করার লক্ষ্যে সকল উদ্যোগ নেয়া হয়েছে। উচ্চশিক্ষার চাহিদা পূরণের লক্ষ্যে অনেকগুলো বেসরকারী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় স্থাপনের অনুমতি দিয়েছে সরকার। বেসরকারী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় আইন-২০১০ উচ্চশিক্ষা ক্ষেত্রে নতুন সমাধানের দার হলে রয়েছে। দেশের শিল্প ও সেবা খাতের চাহিদা অনুযায়ী নক জনশক্তি গড়ে তোলা জরুরী। এক্ষেত্রে বেসরকারী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়গুলো গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা রাখতে পারে। আমি আশা করি, উচ্চশিক্ষার প্রচােষিত মান নিশ্চিত করতে বেসরকারী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়গুলো আইন অনুযায়ী তাদের কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করবে। বিশ্ব বাজার, শিক্ষাক্রম প্রবর্তন, শিক্ষাদানের পদ্ধতি অব্যাহতভাবে উন্নত ও যুগোপযোগী করতে হবে। শুধুমাত্র ব্যবসায়িক দৃষ্টিভঙ্গি পরিহার করে সেবার মানসিকতা নিয়ে নক মানবসম্পদ গড়ে তোলার লক্ষ্যে বেসরকারী বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়গুলোকে আত্মরিক্ততার সাথে শিক্ষা কার্যক্রম পরিচালনা করতে হবে। নর্থ সাউথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের শিক্ষার্থীরা দেশের উন্নয়নে যথার্থ ভূমিকা রাখতে সক্ষম হবেন-আমি এ প্রত্যাশা করি। আমি এ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের ২২তম সমাবেশের সার্বিক সাফল্য কামনা করছি।

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M. A. Hashem
Chairman, Board of Trustees
North South University

Message

Congratulations to the graduates of North South University (NSU) who, after much hard work, are receiving their degrees today. It is a milestone for them and I hope that after today's proceedings, they will embrace a broad sense of responsibility to deal boldly with the challenges that are threatening the world. The knowledge and expertise that they have acquired at North South University should be of much help to them. We also expect them to make radical transformative changes in the world to make it a better place.

As a center of excellence in higher education, NSU provides the best opportunities to gain innovative ideas, knowledge, and skills for its students. NSU also focuses on developing its students as ethical and critical thinkers.

This is a moment of pride for the members of the NSU Trust and its Board of Trustees. Since 1992 when NSU was founded, it has not looked back. Starting with a handful, today we have more than 25,000 students studying in 16 departments under four schools. We offer Bachelors' and Masters' degrees in 29 subjects, and so far we have awarded degrees to almost 20,000 students. These students are demonstrating their excellence in their respective domains. We now expect the new graduates to continue this tradition in the days to come.

I wish them success.

M. A. Hashem



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

Message

I am delighted to congratulate our students on the 22nd Convocation of North South University.

After this day our graduates will step into a new phase in their lives- a phase which will bring many new challenges, rewards and not to forget lessons that will eventually build them up to become even wiser. I cannot overstate how happy I am as these young individuals bid farewell to NSU to embark on their own journeys of achievements, accolades, contributions, and glory for themselves, their families, their alma mater, their country, and the world!

Bangladesh, our breathtakingly beautiful country, is brimming with potential and hope. We are at this moment looking up to you to unwrap this potential, refine it, and bring it forth to the world. You, my dear graduates, will be the future leaders of this country directing it towards an unmatched growth economically, financially, and socially. You will take care of the disparity, discrimination, and injustice that we witness. You will build the newest technology, transportation, and infrastructure that will change lives. You will nurture dreams and hopes of many other individuals who look up to you, and you will in your own way contribute to taking this country ahead, one mile at a time. I strongly believe in you and have faith that you will not only meet but surpass the expectations held by the ones who are cheering for you today.

You have come this far and this by no means should be even close to how far you plan on going- because as an NSU graduate the one thing that you need to keep in your mind and heart is that the sky is the limit.

Congratulations to you all and best wishes for having a life ahead that is full of progress, learning, and achievements. May God's grace and blessings be with you in every step ahead!

Professor Atiqul Islam

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 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 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. M. A. Hashem is the current Chairman of the BoT. A renowned industrialist of the country, Mr. Hashem is the former Member of Parliament of Bangladesh Jatiya Sangsad; Chairman of the Partex Group; Advisor to the Janata Insurance Company Ltd.; Founder of Noakhali Diabetic Samity and Founder President of Noakhali M. A. Hashem Degree College. The other members of the BoT are Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Mr. Benajir Ahmed, Mr. Yussuf A. Harun, 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, Fawzia Naaz and Prof. Syed A. Ahad. All of them are also the members of the NSU Trust. Prof. Dr. Atiqul Islam, the Vice-Chancellor of NSU, is the Ex-Officio Member of the BoT. The other members of the NSU Trust are Mr. Nurul H. Khan, Mr. Mahbub Rahman, Mrs. Shaista Ahmed, 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.

Prof. Dr. 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 the University 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

Maisha Maliha Promi
Valedictorian
Bachelor of Pharmacy
CGPA 3.99



Sumaita Shaira Hasan
Master of Arts in English
CGPA 4.00



Vice-Chancellor's Gold Medal



Shahroza Nahrin Tanha
Bachelor of Arts in English
CGPA 4.00



Suvarn Agarwal
Bachelor of Arts in Business Administration
CGPA 3.99



Mohammad Abdul Hadi
Bachelor of Science in Computer Science & Engineering
CGPA 3.99



Dipita Fahim
Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry & Biotechnology
CGPA 3.98



Tanjeela Osmari
Master of Arts in English
CGPA 3.93



Muhammad Khademul Basher
Master in Public Policy & Governance
CGPA: 3.73



Kashfia Zakir Mow
Master of Business Administration
CGPA: 4.00



Tabla Hossain
Master of Science in Electrical & Electronic Engineering
CGPA 3.95



Shahnaz Siddiqua
Master of Pharmacy in Pharmacology & Clinical Pharmacy
CGPA 4.00

Graduating Students of the 22nd Convocation 2019

SCHOOL	UNDERGRADUATE	GRADUATE	TOTAL
School of Business and Economics	1522	518	2040
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences	678	24	702
School of Humanities and Social Sciences	103	83	186
School of Health and Life Sciences	268	290	558
Total	2571	915	3486

The Board of Trustees 2018-2019

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Ex-Officio Member
Board of Trustees, NSU

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PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

Message



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I am pleased to know that North South University is going to host its 22nd convocation on 6 March 2019 in Dhaka. I would like to congratulate the graduating students, their guardians, faculty members, university staff and authority on this memorable occasion.

For the last ten years, we attached top authority to the education sector, including giving highest budgetary allocation. We formulated the 'National Education Policy' which has resulted in major strides for the sector. We enacted the 'Private University Act' 2010 and gave approval to set up and operate 42 private universities. We are committed to addressing the remaining issues in private higher education. We plan to improve the quality of education at all levels in the next five years and increase research funding. We are administering several scholarship and fellowship schemes, including the 'Bangabandhu Fellowship on Science and ICT' and the 'Prime Minister Fellowship'.

Dear graduating students, I hope that you shall use the knowledge and skills acquired during your studies for serving the nation and play an important role in building a Sonar Bangla as envisaged by the Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. You also have a duty to raise awareness against such social ills as corruption, drug abuse and militancy.

I wish the 22nd convocation of North South University every success.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina



Professor Abdul Mannan
Chairman
University Grants Commission
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

Message



I am delighted to know that North South University is holding its 22nd Convocation. It is a great occasion both for the university and the graduating students whose years of dedication and labor have finally come to fruition. My heartiest congratulation goes to the graduates who deserve every bit of their success. I also extend my appreciation to the faculty members without whose contribution North South University wouldn't have come this far.

The University Grants Commission is working relentlessly towards ensuring the highest quality education in Bangladesh. North South University has a state-of-the-art campus full of all the modern amenities required for ensuring a proper educational environment. I am also well aware of, and extremely pleased about the fact that North South University highly encourages its students to take part in various extra-curricular activities through which they can learn more about the glorious history and the rich culture of Bangladesh.

I wish this convocation a great success.

Professor Abdul Mannan



Dr. Richard J. Roberts
1993 Nobel Laureate
in Physiology or Medicine
Chief Scientific Officer,
New England Biolabs Inc., USA



Convocation Speaker

Graduations are indeed happy occasions. Clad in your graduation gowns, caps and lapels, ready to throw that cap into the air while parents burst with pride and stare at you with love and affection, I am sure most of you are already taking a walk down the memory lane, reminiscing the good times as well as the bad, starting from the all-nighters you had to pull to the unfathomable pressure you had to undertake. However, none of it was pointless. All of your hard work led to this moment, the one you have been working and waiting for.

Remember, now that all of you are graduates, you have crossed the formal threshold and entered the real world. You will find that when you venture out to attain your targeted goal, there will be endless hurdles; there will be mazes of confusion as well as conflict. Remind yourself that you have to rise above these all, and remember your duty towards the society: fight against all odds and do what is right. All you need is a passion and a goal - being NSU graduates, I am aware that you are ethically and socially responsible. Therefore, use your enthusiasm and fulfill your duties! You have received a quality education and access to state-of-the-art research facilities, so utilize them to bring a better tomorrow for everyone. I am certain that your well-trained faculty members groomed and guided you individually to become life-long learners. Therefore, implement your knowledge and skills to contribute to society in your way. I have high expectations and utmost confidence that all the graduates are going to become the leaders of tomorrow and become experts in fields ranging from the pure sciences to the humanities.

Graduates, I would like to congratulate you upon your completion of the journey here at North South University. I wish you luck and success for whichever journey you choose to partake on!

Dr. Richard J. Roberts



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

Message



I am immensely pleased to be a part of the 22nd Convocation of North South University (NSU) to be held on March 6, 2019. On this auspicious occasion, I am very glad to convey my congratulations to you and your proud parents. This Convocation is very special for you because it will be graced by the presence of a notable Nobel Laureate, legendary academicians, scientists and researchers. Approximately 3,500 students will be graduating in this auspicious occasion, receiving certificates and obtain the opportunity to exchange views with the above-mentioned eminent personalities. I am confident that the acquired competencies, confidence and courage will enable you to lead enlightened careers. It will make me extremely happy to see you succeed and venture into the world with the power of intellect and confidence. I sincerely hope that you reap the fruits of your labor to the fullest. Do not forget that where you are today is the result of years of hardship. Your guardians have sacrificed so much for you, your teachers have worked so hard for you, and here comes your opportunity to prove yourselves emphatically. I am confident that you will make us proud, with a high level of ethical fortitude and leadership which is evident among the NSU alumni and graduates setting examples all over the world. The NSU alumni global prevalence proves the eminence and dominance of NSU as the number one private institution. New graduates will get direct access to the NSU Alumni Network, paving their path towards career excellence.

NSU has fostered a congenial environment and created solid academic and research facilities. NSU has its own International Advisory Board (IAB) comprising of global legends as mentioned earlier and IAB members representing all the four Schools of NSU: SBE, SEPS, SHSS, & SHLS. NSU is equipped with highly efficient modern facilities and led by the very best faculty members. Keeping in line with Vision 2021 and Digital Bangladesh, this university has some of the most advanced modern facilities for conducting world-class research and also for ensuring the very best educational environment. In addition, NSU maintains research collaborations and partnerships with top-ranked global universities like Harvard, MIT, Johns Hopkins, Cambridge, and University of Maryland. The institution not only maintains such affiliations, but is advancing very actively on such collaborations in terms of researches conducted and funds obtained from both national and international levels. It hardly needs mentioning that an educational institution will never be complete if it does not promote extra-curricular activities. NSU has a wealth of clubs where students are highly encouraged to join and make the most out of their time at NSU. The university gives its students the perfect opportunity to take part in a plethora of cultural activities through which the students learn more about the history and culture of Bangladesh and forge a deep sense of belonging to this country and independence. I wish this convocation a stellar success and the graduating students a great future.

Professor G. U. Ahsan