NORTH SOUTH UNIVERSITY

Center of Excellence in Higher Education

24th Convocation || July 12, 2023

PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH
BANGABHABAN, DHAKA

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Message

I convey my heartfelt congratulation to the graduating students, their parents, faculty members and university authority on the auspicious occasion of the 24th Convocation of North South University (NSU).

Education is the most important element for the development of a nation. The government under the dynamic leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is committed to build Bangladesh as 'Golden Bengal' – dreamt by Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. To materialize the 'Vision – 2041' declared by Prime Minister and to transform the country as 'Smart Bangladesh' we need wholehearted support and contribution from every sphere of the society. Universities have several vital responsibilities in imparting state of the art and quality education to prepare future leaders of the country imbued with patriotism, integrity and ethical values. I hope NSU would give more efforts in nurturing critical thinking skills of the students so that they can differentiate the right or wrong while making decision in their personal and social activities.

Convocation is a landmark event of student's life. It recognizes the performance and hard-work of both students and universities. I urge upon the graduates to apply their earned knowledge for the wellbeing of the mass people. I pray for their bright and successful future.

I wish the 24th Convocation of North South University a grand success.
Joi Bangla.
Khoda Hafez, May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Mohammed Shahabuddin

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তারিখ : ১২ জুলাই ২০২৩

নর্থ সাউথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় ২৪তম সমাবর্তনের আয়োজন করেছে জেনে আমি আনন্দিত। প্রতিযোগিতামূলক জ্ঞান ভিত্তিক বৈশ্বিক অর্থনীতিতে মানসম্পন্ন উচ্চ শিক্ষা গুরুত্বপূর্ণ। প্রতিষ্ঠার পর থেকে গত তিন দশক ধরে নর্থ সাউথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় নতুন শতাব্দীর চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবেলায় সক্ষম শিক্ষার্থী তৈরীতে তাদের প্রচেষ্টা অব্যাহত রেখেছে। মানসম্পন্ন শিক্ষা প্রদানে তাদের প্রতিশ্রুতি বাস্তবায়নের মাধ্যমে প্রতিষ্ঠানটি আজ এ পর্যায়ে উপনীত হয়েছে।

বাঙালী জাতির ভাগ্য উন্নয়নে জাতির পিতা বঙ্গবন্ধু শেখ মুজিবুর রহমান শোষণমুক্ত ও ন্যায়ভিত্তিক সমাজ প্রতিষ্ঠার লক্ষে প্রাথমিক শিক্ষা সরকারিকরণ, সংবিধানে শিক্ষা ব্যয়বরাদ্দ সংক্রান্ত, শিক্ষা কমিশন গঠন, বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় মঞ্জুরী কমিশন স্থাপনসহ নানা কার্যক্রম বাস্তবায়ন করেছিলেন। ১৯৬২ সালে শিক্ষা আন্দোলনের সময়ও তিনি কার্যকরী সার্বজনীন শিক্ষা ব্যবস্থার উদ্যোগ নিয়েছিলেন। শিক্ষকদের উদ্দেশ্যে এক ভাষণে বঙ্গবন্ধু বলেছিলেন, "আগামী প্রজন্মের ভাগ্য শিক্ষকদের উপর নির্ভর করছে। শিশুদের মধ্যকার শিক্ষার ব্যবধান ঘটাতে কষ্টার্জিত স্বাধীনতা অর্থহীন হবে।" বঙ্গবন্ধুর শিক্ষা দর্শন তাঁর হাতে প্রণীত সংবিধান, কুদরাত-এ-খুদা শিক্ষা কমিশন রিপোর্ট এবং শিক্ষা ক্ষেত্রে বঙ্গবন্ধু সরকার কর্তৃক গৃহীত সকল পদক্ষেপে স্পষ্টভাবে প্রতিফলিত হয়েছে। গুরুত্বপূর্ণ হলেও সত্য যে, তাঁকে সপরিবারে নৃশংসভাবে হত্যার পরে বঙ্গবন্ধুর কাঙ্ক্ষিত স্বাধীন দেশের উপযোগী শিক্ষা ব্যবস্থা গড়ে তোলার কোন উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করা হয়নি। বঙ্গবন্ধুকন্যা শেখ হাসিনার নেতৃত্বে সরকার গঠনের পর বঙ্গবন্ধুর কাঙ্ক্ষিত সে শিক্ষা ব্যবস্থা গড়ে তোলার উদ্যোগ গ্রহণ করা হয়। বঙ্গবন্ধু কন্যা জননেত্রী শেখ হাসিনার নেতৃত্বে বাংলাদেশ আজ এগিয়ে যাচ্ছে অগ্রাধিকার্য গতিতে। জাতির উন্নয়ন ও অগ্রগতির পূর্বশর্ত শিক্ষা। বঙ্গবন্ধুর স্বপ্নের সোনার বাংলা বিনির্মাণে, মাননীয় প্রধানমন্ত্রী শেখ হাসিনার নেতৃত্বে প্রণীত ডিজিটাল বাংলাদেশ ও উন্নত, সমৃদ্ধ, সুখী, শান্তিময় বাংলাদেশের ২০৪১ এর দূলকল্প বাস্তবায়নে, ২০৩০ এর টেকসই উন্নয়ন লক্ষ্য অর্জনে, ২১০০ সালের বদ্বীপ পরিকল্পনা বাস্তবায়নে এবং সর্বোপরি চতুর্থ শিল্প বিপ্লবের সফল অংশীদার হবার জন্য দক্ষ ও জ্ঞান, বিজ্ঞান, প্রযুক্তি নির্ভর, যুক্তিযুক্তের চেতনা-উদ্বুদ্ধ, মানবিক গুণাবলী সম্পন্ন মানবসম্পদ গড়ে তোলার লক্ষ্যে কাজ করছে বর্তমান সরকার।

উচ্চ শিক্ষায় গবেষণা ও উদ্ভাবনের উপর বিশেষ গুরুত্ব দিয়ে কার্যক্রমের উপযোগী মানসম্পন্ন তৈরীতে সরকার অঙ্গীকারাবদ্ধ। বিশ্ববিদ্যালয় সমূহকে পুধু বর্তমান নয়, ভবিষ্যতের কর্মজগতের চাহিদাকে বিবেচনায় নিয়ে তাদের শিক্ষাক্রম প্রণয়ন, শিক্ষার্থীদের সকট কিলসমূহে দক্ষ করে তোলা এবং গবেষণা ও উদ্ভাবন উদ্বুদ্ধ করবার সকল কার্যকর পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করতে হবে। পাশাপাশি আর্থিক স্বচ্ছতা নিশ্চিতকরণও জরুরী।

সমাবর্তনের এই মহতীক্ষণে আমি কৃতি স্নাতক, তাদের গর্বিত অভিভাবক, মহনীয় ভ্যাকাল্টি এবং বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের সাথে সম্পৃক্ত সকলকে আন্তরিক অভিনন্দন জানাচ্ছি। আমি স্নাতকদের উজ্জ্বল সকল ভবিষ্যত কামনা করছি। নর্থ সাউথ বিশ্ববিদ্যালয়ের উত্তরোত্তর সাফল্য কামনা করি।

জয় বাংলা, জয় বঙ্গবন্ধু,
বাংলাদেশ চিরজীবী হোক।

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Mr. Javed Muneer Ahmad
Chairman
Board of Trustees
The North South University Trust

Message

Dear Graduating Students of North South University,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my pleasure to convey my warmest congratulations to each one of you on your remarkable achievement. I am honored to be with you as your journey at North South University concludes with this memorable day of your convocation.

Today, we celebrate a significant milestone in your lives which you have achieved through your hard work, dedication, and commitment to excellence. Throughout your time at NSU, you have diligently demonstrated your academic discipline, your spirit of innovation, and your determination to overcome challenges. All of these have prepared you well to step forward boldly with enthusiasm and optimism into the next chapter of your lives.

As you embark upon your individual and unique journeys, fully embrace the opportunities that shall present themselves in front of you. Let your passions fulfill your dreams, and your ambition lift you to new heights of success; and always remember that success is not measured by material achievements, but rather by the positive impact you have on the lives of others.

North South University has provided you with an incredible environment to learn, discover, experiment and grow. This opportunity is not so readily available to just anyone, but rather to the few such as yourselves. Make the most of what NSU has given to you and gift it forward to your communities through your life's work and achievements. You have enormous potential through the power of the multiplier effect of your NSU education.

On behalf of the entire Board of Trustees, I extend my heartfelt congratulations once again. May your future be filled with boundless opportunities, personal fulfillment, and continued success in all endeavors.

Sincerely,

Javed Muneer Ahmad
Chairman, Board of Trustees
North South University

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

Message

It is my great pleasure to welcome you all to the 24th Convocation ceremony of North South University. Today, we gather to celebrate the accomplishments of our graduates and mark the beginning of a new chapter in their lives.

As the Vice-Chancellor of North South University, I am honored to stand before you and share in the excitement and joy of this special day. Your hard work, dedication, and perseverance, all have paid off. You have earned the right to be here today, receiving your degrees and diplomas.

NSU has been committed to providing world-class education and preparing our students for success in their chosen fields. Over the years, NSU has achieved numerous milestones and accolades. Our faculty members have earned recognition for their research and academic excellence, and our students have won awards in national and international competitions.

In recent years, NSU has made significant strides in promoting innovation and entrepreneurship. Our students have demonstrated their entrepreneurial spirit by creating startups and launching innovative ventures. At NSU, we are not only focused on academic excellence, but also on developing well-rounded individuals who are committed to making a positive impact on society. Our graduates have gone on to become leaders in their fields, contributing to the betterment of their communities and the world at large.

As you embark on your next venture, whether it is continuing your education, pursuing a career, or making a difference in your community, I urge you to remember the values North South University instilled in you. Use your education to make a positive impact in the world, to promote peace and understanding, and to work toward a brighter future for all.

On behalf of the NSU family, I congratulate each and every one of you on your achievements. I encourage you to continue to strive for excellence, be agents of change in the world, and stay in touch with your alma mater as alumni.

Congratulations once again and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Thank you.

Professor Atiqul Islam

A Brief History of NSU

North South University (NSU) holds the distinction of being the first private university in Bangladesh. It was established in 1992 by the then Foundation for Promotion of Education and Research (FPER) under the leadership of renowned educationist Mr. Muslehuddin Ahmad. Over time, the FPER transformed into the NSU Foundation.

At the time of NSU's inception, no law governed the private university. Under the Private University Act (PUA) of 1992 (now repealed by PUA 2010), NSU received government approval for its establishment. In 2012, in compliance with the PUA 2010 and following instructions from the Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission, the NSU Foundation established the North South University Trust.

The NSU Trust was formed by eminent industrialists, education patrons, philanthropists, experienced academics, and senior civil servants who shared a vision of creating a world-class university in the private sector. Their relentless dedication and hard work led to the approval of NSU's establishment.

The Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh is the Chancellor of NSU. The Syndicate, as the university's second-highest governing body, is led by the Vice-Chancellor (VC). The VC, who also serves as the CEO, oversees the university's operations. The appointment of the Pro VC and the Treasurer, recommended by the BOT and approved by the Chancellor, further strengthens the administrative team.

NSU formally commenced its journey in February 1993, enrolling 137 students and employing ten faculty members. Over 30 years, more than 38,987 students graduated from NSU. A total of 27132 students are now studying at NSU. In the Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2023, NSU emerged as Bangladesh's number one private university. In the QS World University Rankings 2024, NSU ranked 851-900, making it the number one private university in Bangladesh. NSU was also ranked among the best 200 Asian universities in the Times Higher Education's Asia University Rankings 2023. NSU is the only university from Bangladesh to be ranked in the Times Higher Education Young University ranking in 2023.

2021

CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL

Arfan Feezanul Islam
CGPA: 4.00
Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering (BS in CEE)
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS)

Sarker Mohammad Nasrullah
CGPA: 4.00
Master of Public Health (MPH)
School of Health & Life Sciences (SHLS)

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL

Fateha
CGPA: 3.81
Bachelor of Arts in English (BA in ENG)
School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)

Sashwot Kharel
CGPA: 3.98
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
School of Business & Economics (SBE)

Nuren Shams
CGPA: 3.99
Bachelor of Science in Electrical and Electronic Engineering (BS in EEE)
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS)

Sanjana Mahjabin Lamia
CGPA: 3.93
Bachelor of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology (BS in Biochem & Biotech)
School of Health & Life Sciences (SHLS)

Ishrat Tasneem
CGPA: 3.93
Master of Arts in English (MA in ENG)
School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)

Md. Mahfuzul Hasan Biswas
CGPA: 3.94
Master of Business Administration (MBA)
School of Business & Economics (SBE)

Niaz Ashraf Khan
CGPA: 4.00
Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (MS in CSE)
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS)

Abdullah Al Mamun
CGPA: 4.00
Master of Public Health (MPH)
School of Health & Life Sciences (SHLS)

2020

CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL

Kinga Wangmo
CGPA: 3.98
Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering (BS in CEE)
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS)

Neda Khurshid
CGPA: 4.00
Master of Pharmacy in Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacy (M. Pharm PCP)
School of Health & Life Sciences (SHLS)

VICE-CHANCELLOR'S GOLD MEDAL

Somayia Zaman
CGPA: 3.81
Bachelor of Arts in English (BA in ENG)
School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)

Namirah Ahmed Bushra
CGPA: 3.96
Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA)
School of Business & Economics (SBE)

Pema Choki
CGPA: 3.96
Bachelor of Science in Civil and Environmental Engineering (BS in CEE)
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS)

Rifah Nanjiba
CGPA: 3.94
Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science (BS in ENV SCI)
School of Health & Life Sciences (SHLS)

Md. Shahrear Mahmood
CGPA: 4.00
Master of Arts in English (MA in ENG)
School of Humanities and Social Sciences (SHSS)

Mashura Rafiq Moumita
CGPA: 3.97
Master of Business Administration (MBA)
School of Business & Economics (SBE)

Md. Rajib Imran
CGPA: 4.00
Master of Science in Computer Science and Engineering (MS in CSE)
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences (SEPS)

Sharif Nahid Hasan
CGPA: 3.98
Master of Pharmacy in Pharmacology and Clinical Pharmacy (M. Pharm PCP)
School of Health & Life Sciences (SHLS)

Number of Graduating Students, 24th Convocation 2023

SCHOOLS	2021 UNDERGRADUATE	2021 GRADUATE	2021 TOTAL	2020 UNDERGRADUATE	2020 GRADUATE	2020 TOTAL
School of Business and Economics	1604	480	2084	1482	380	1862
School of Engineering and Physical Sciences	1027	26	1053	775	25	800
School of Humanities and Social Sciences	148	86	234	151	32	183
School of Health and Life Sciences	331	323	654	217	176	393
Total	3110	915	4025	2625	613	3238

The Board of Trustees

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PRIME MINISTER
GOVERNMENT OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF BANGLADESH

28 Ashar 1430
12 July 2023

Message

I am happy to know that the 24th Convocation of North South University is taking place on 12 July 2023. On this auspicious occasion, I would like to congratulate all graduating students, their parents, current and former students, faculty members, and university officials and employees.

The Awami League government is fully committed to transforming the country's education sector. We have opened up the scope to pursue higher education in Bangladesh. There are currently, 162 government-approved universities, including 53 public universities, in the country. We have implemented several policies and initiatives to promote research and innovation in higher education. The Academic Innovation Fund (AIF) initiative under the Higher Education Quality Enhancement Project (HEQEP), with the support of the World Bank, aims to promote research and innovation in higher education institutions across the country. The government has also launched the Higher Education Acceleration and Transformation Project (HEAT), South Asia's first World Bank-supported regional education project. The project, launched in 2019, is promoting regional collaboration in the higher education sector, including student mobility through equivalent programs, credit transfer schemes, and university twinning arrangements within the region.

The Covid-19 pandemic disrupted the education sector globally, and Bangladesh was no exception. However, the government took proactive measures to minimize the impact of the pandemic on education. The launch of online education initiatives and an e-learning portal ensured the continued studies of the students despite the closure of educational institutions.

I want to congratulate all the graduates once again for their outstanding achievements. I would also like to commend North South University for its commitment to providing quality education and for its efforts to contribute to the nation's development.

I wish the 24th Convocation of North South University a grand success and a bright future for all the graduates.

Joi Bangla, Joi Bangabandhu
May Bangladesh Live Forever.

Sheikh Hasina

Professor Kazi Shahidullah
Chairman
University Grants Commission of Bangladesh
Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh

12 July 2023

Message

I am delighted to learn that North South University is going to hold its 24th Convocation.

Convocation of a university is a memorable occasion for the graduating students who have earned the degree by dint of their perseverance and devotion to studies. I extend my heartfelt felicitation to all the graduating students, faculty, guardians, and university authorities as well.

The University Grants Commission is committed to ensuring quality education as well as establishing a knowledge-based society. Quality education is of great importance in encountering the diverse challenges of the present world. University both public and private should put their utmost endeavor into producing capable and competent graduates by providing state-of-the-art education. I hope the graduates who are passing out today would be able to face the challenges confidently and contribute significantly to the development of the country.

I am also well aware of, and extremely pleased about the fact that one of the key achievements of North South University is the commitment to academic excellence. Education is the key to unlocking one's potential, and North South University has strived to provide the students with the best possible learning experience. The faculty members are also renowned for their expertise in their respective fields, and they bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to the classroom. I also extend my appreciation to the faculty members without whose contribution North South University wouldn't have come this far.

I wish the 24th Convocation of North South University a success.

Professor Kazi Shahidullah
Chairman

Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain
Pro-Vice-Chancellor
North South University

Message

As we gather here today to celebrate the 24th convocation of North South University, I am filled with a sense of pride and accomplishment. This university has come a long way since its inception, and we have achieved a number of significant milestones that have helped establish us as one of the premier higher educational institutions in Bangladesh and the region.

Graduation is a time to celebrate your hard work, dedication, and perseverance. You have shown that you possess the skills, knowledge, and tenacity to succeed in any field you choose. You have overcome challenges, adapted to new ways of learning, and supported each other through difficult times. You have demonstrated resilience, especially during these unprecedented times, and I commend you for your unwavering commitment to your education.

As you leave North South University and enter the workforce, pursue further education, or begin your own ventures, I encourage you to remember the values that have brought you this far. The pursuit of knowledge, the importance of hard work, and the commitment to making a positive impact on society—these are the qualities that will guide you on your journey.

I applaud you for your resilience in forging ahead despite the multiple socio-economic fissures created by the pandemic. May you be able to achieve all your dreams with resilience, courage and determination. I am certain that you have the required attributes and strength to forge ahead in your chosen fields with honesty and integrity, address the needs of vulnerable groups in our communities with compassion, and be role models in our society.

May you grow from strength to strength and make your Faculty, University and country proud in the decades ahead.

Professor Dr. M. Ismail Hossain

Vision

North South University will remain a center of excellence in higher education. It will gain recognition, nationally and globally, attracting students, faculty, and staff worldwide.

Mission

The mission of North South University is to produce competent graduates in their selected disciplines who will have productive careers or choose to engage in advanced studies. Our students will be: a) life-long learners with good leadership skills; b) more proficient in oral, written, and electronic communications; c) critical thinkers with well-developed analytical skills; d) ethical and socially responsible; e) champions of diversity and tolerance; f) globally aware with a 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 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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