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## IQAC Team congratulated new BOT Chairman of NSU

Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Director along with Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen and Dr. Mohammad Sahadet Hossain, Additional Directors of IQAC, NSU recently visited and congratulated Mr. Md. Shajahan, the newly elected Chairman of Board of Trustees of the North South University. The IQAC Team wished him the very best with his new term at the office.



## Nepal UGC Team Visits IQAC



A team from the University Grants Commission of Nepal came to the NSU campus under the Exposure Visit program organised by the MPPG Program of the SHSS of NSU on 17 July, 2017. The 8-member team had discussions on QA activities at NSU with Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen, Additional Director, IQAC. Later the team visited the IQAC Office where they met Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Director, IQAC. The team expressed its satisfaction about the meetings and hoped that it would maintain contact in the future regarding QA activities.

## A Team from United International University (UIU) visits IQAC in NSU

A team from United International University (UIU) visited IQAC, NSU on Monday, 17 July, 2017 to see, visualize and experience the state-of-the-art physical infrastructure of the entire campus. The visiting team from UIU comprised of 8 members, including, Prof. Dr. Khawza I Ahmed, Director, IQAC, Mr. Muhammad Junayadul Munir, Additional Director, IQAC, Ms. Nargis Jahan, Controller of Examination, Prof. Dr. Md. Abu Saklayen, Coordinator, Institute of Natural Science, Dr. Swakkhar Shatabda, Asst. Professor &



Undergraduate Program Coordinator, Dept of CSE, Mr. Md. Jahirul Islam, Asst. Director (Logistics & Procurement), Mr. Mohammad Nazmul Hassan, In-charge (CITS) and Ms. Deeba Farkhunda Banu, In-Charge (Library).

Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Director, IQAC, NSU welcomed the visiting team from UIU. A campus tour was arranged by IQAC, NSU whereby Engr. Kazi Mominul Haque, Director, Operation and Maintenance of North South University personally facilitated one and half hour campus tour and let the visitors experience the entire physical facilities of the campus. Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen and Dr. Mohammed Sahadet Hossain, Additional Directors of IQAC, NSU were also present during the campus tour.

### Discussion session on “The Impact of IQAC & SAC in NSU” held

A discussion session on “The Impact of IQAC and SAC in NSU” was held on Monday, 31 July 2017 at the Syndicate Hall of NSU. The session was moderated by Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Director of IQAC. In the discussion session, some of the SAC heads shared their experiences that they went through the entire process of Self-Assessment activities. Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen, Additional Director of IQAC discussed about the current activities of IQAC. Prof. Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Dr. M. Mahboob Rahman, Dean, School of Business and Economics and Dr. M. Rokonzaman, Dean, School of Engineering and Physical Sciences along with other head and representatives of Self- Assessment Committee (SAC) were present at the event and participated in the discussion session.



### 3rd Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) Meeting held



The 3rd QAC Meeting of IQAC was held on Thursday, 03 August, 2017 at the VC Conference Room of NSU. The meeting was attended by the QAC Members of North South University. Mr. Azim Uddin Ahmed, Member, Board of Trustees, Prof. Atiqul Islam, Vice-Chancellor of NSU, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Dr. G.U. Ahsan, Deans from School of Health & Life Sciences, School of Engineering & Physical Sciences and School of Humanities & Social Sciences, Mr. Md. Shahjahan, Registrar, NSU

and Dr. AQMA Rahman Bhuiyan, faculty representative were present among others at the meeting. IQAC Director, Dr. Nazmun Nahar started the meeting by making a short presentation on the accomplishments of IQAC after the 2nd QAC Meeting that was held on April 06, 2017 till July 2017. Funding issues were discussed. A short presentation was given by trainer Mr. Ashfaq Zaman demonstrating the impact of trainings given to the administrative staffs of NSU. The trainings are being given on ‘Time Management’, ‘Team Building’ and ‘Effective Communication’.

### Meeting with Department Chairpersons and SAC Heads

The IQAC held a meeting with all the department chairpersons and SAC heads/ representative members on 13 July, 2017 at the SBE Dean’s conference Room. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss fund utilization at department level and SAC level for carrying out workshops and self-assessment activities respectively. The participants discussed the problems and possible solutions regarding fund utilization. Dr. Nazmun Nahar, Director of IQAC, emphasized the need for writing good quality SAR. She stressed that a high degree of commitment and coordination would be needed from the Department Chairs, faculty members and the SACs once the EPR starts from August/ September.

## Dr. Tazmeen Joins QAU

Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen, Additional Director of IQAC, joined the Quality Assurance Unit of HEQEP, UGC as the Quality Assurance Specialist. In a brief send-off program, he was congratulated by his colleagues for being selected for this position. A crest was presented to Dr. Tazmeen on behalf of the IQAC Team for his dedicated and exceptional services to the IQAC as well as NSU. Dr. Tazmeen thanked IQAC for the nice gesture, and expressed his gratitude to the IQAC, SACs and NSU faculty and staff without whose support it would be difficult for him to reach this stage.



## Administrative staff training continues



Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) has organized and successfully completed training programs for the fourth batch of administrative staff of North South University (NSU).

Thirty two participants from various administrative units and academic departments of NSU participated and successfully completed the training program comprised of two sessions – 03 & 10 August, 2017 on 'Mastering Effective Communication' and 21 & 24 August, 2017 on

'Team Building and Time Management'.

The first two sessions on Effective Communication was facilitated by Mr. Ashfaq Zaman, Mr. Mayen Uddin, Dr. Badrul Alam Siddiqui and Mr. Yahia Md. Amin. The second two sessions on Team development and time management was conducted by Mr. Masud Rayhan, Dr. Towhidul Islam and Mr. Yahia Md. Amin. The sessions were interactive and the participants enjoyed and learned a lot throughout the training programs. Certificates were distributed among participants towards the end of the training session.

## ***IQAC Sponsored Workshops***

### Workshop on: 'Curriculum Development by Department of Law'

On the 10<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2017, the Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) organized a day long workshop, with the presence of eminent legal personalities from Dhaka University, Professor Dr. Mizanur Rahman, Ex-Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission, and Dr. Rumana Islam, Associate Professor of Law. The existing Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) curriculum was scrutinized and changes were suggested by the participants that consisted of faculty members of the Department of Law.



Organizers of this IQAC workshop, Lecturers of Law, Mr. Saquib Rahman & Ms. Himaloya Saha have mentioned that the workshop also had substantial contribution in the designing of the Master's of Laws (LL.M.) curriculum. The department plans on offering in the near future, specialized LL.M. in Corporate Law, International Law and Trial & Advocacy.

### Seminar on 'Developing a Successful Research Career: Prospects and Challenges'



The Department of History and Philosophy of North South University and the IQAC (Institutional Quality Assurance Cell, NSU) jointly organized a day-long seminar on 'Developing a Successful Research Career: Prospects and Challenges' on 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2017. The main objective of the seminar was to examine some aspects of doing research in academia especially in the field of humanities and social science and to see the prospects and challenges of academic research in Bangladesh.

Professor Dr. Sharif Uddin Ahmed, chairman of DHP chaired the session as the session Chair. Vice Chancellor of North South University, Professor Atiqul Islam inaugurated the seminar session as the Chief Guest, while Dean Dr. Abdur Rob Khan was present as a Special Guest. Director of IQAC Dr. Nazmun Nahar was also present. Dr. Minhaj Mahmud, Senior Research Fellow of BIDS (Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies) presented the keynote paper on 'Doing Research: Rationale, Process, Types, Paradigms and Formulation of Research'. Dr. Norman K. Swazo and Dr. Maria Eleonor Marcussen of the Department of History and Philosophy presented the other two papers on 'Is Research For Me?' and 'Pursuing Research: Strategies for Young Researchers' respectively.

The seminar was attended by a number of senior faculty members, administrators and students of NSU. It ended after a very interactive discussion session between the paper presenters and the participants.

### Workshop on "Effective Teaching Strategies in Accounting and Finance"

The Department of Accounting and Finance and Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) jointly organized a workshop on: 'Effective Teaching Strategies in Accounting and Finance' on Thursday, 17 August, 2017 at DAF Conference Room. The workshop was facilitated by 5 esteemed faculty members of the department and one visiting faculty member, Dr. Ali Ashraf, Assistant Professor of Finance from Frostburg State University, USA. Dr. Ashraf in his presentation discussed the similarities, differences, challenges and opportunities of teaching a Finance course in USA vs Bangladesh. Whereas, the other speakers covered several other topics like: signs of good and bad teacher, bridging theory and practice in teaching Finance, incorporating technology into classroom instruction etc.



### Result- sharing Workshops

The Department of Management of North South University presented survey findings of self-assessment in a workshop held on Thursday, July 20, 2017 at the Syndicate Hall. In the workshop, Mr. Nafish Sarwar Islam, Lecturer of the department and Head of SAC discussed the most important survey findings of self-assessment.



The Management Chair and faculty members, IQAC members and other stakeholders attended the workshop and shared their observations. The Dean of SBE Dr. Mohammad Mahboob Rahman attended the workshop and provided his valuable feedback. Earlier, the Department of Management organized a demo result-sharing workshop on 25 May, 2017.



The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering of North South University presented survey findings of self-assessment through a workshop held on Thursday, July 13, 2017 at the ECE Conference Room. In the workshop, Dr. Atiqur Rahman, Associate Professor of the Department and member of SAC discussed the most important survey findings of self-assessment with the faculty members and IQAC officials.

### Workshop on: "Self- Assessment report writing and the preparation for External Peer Review (EPR) process"

A day-long workshop on "Self- Assessment report writing and the preparation for External Peer Review (EPR) process" was organized for Self-Assessment Committee (SAC) members by Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of North South University (NSU) on Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> of September, 2017 at the Faculty Lounge of NSU.

The program began with a welcome address by the Director of IQAC Dr. Nazmun Nahar, P.Eng. The workshop was inaugurated by Honorable Vice-Chancellor of NSU, Prof. Atiqul Islam. In his speech, the VC lauded commencement of the workshop organized by IQAC.



Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Treasurer, discussed the opportunities of higher education and the role of quality assurance in his take. Among others, Prof. Dr. M. Rokonzaman, Dean, School of Engineering and Physical Sciences and Prof. Dr. Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, School of Humanities and Social Sciences of NSU were also present in the inaugural session of the workshop.

Professor Dr. Sanjoy Kumar Adhikary, Head, Quality Assurance Unit (QAU), University Grant Commission (UGC) and Dr. Ahmed Tazmeen, Quality Assurance Specialist, QAU, UGC facilitated the workshop.

### Faculty Orientation Fall 2017

A two day-long Faculty Orientation Program for Fall 2017 was jointly organized by Office of Graduate Studies (OGS) and Institutional Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of North South University (NSU) on 18 & 19 September, 2017 at the Faculty Lounge of NSU.



The orientation program was inaugurated by the Director of OGS, Prof. Dr. Sharif Nurul Ahkam and Director of IQAC, Dr. Nazmun Nahar. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Atiqul Islam was present at the inaugural session. In his speech, the Hon'ble VC appreciated the joint effort made by IQAC and OGS for organizing this type of orientation program for the newly joined faculty members. Prof. Dr. G.U. Ahsan, Pro Vice- Chancellor (Designate) joined the orientation program and briefly discussed the concepts of teaching and development in his take.

Among others, Prof. Dr. Gour Gobinda Goswami, Treasurer and Mr. Md. Shahjahan, Registrar of NSU were also present at the Inaugural Ceremony of the Orientation Program.

The Orientation Program was attended by twenty one new faculty members from nine departments. There were different sessions covering topics related to administrative service rule, teaching and research philosophy, effective teaching and assessment methodology, code of conduct, ways of dealing with students and development of course outline.

The sessions were interactive and the participants enjoyed and learned a lot throughout the program.

### Upcoming Activities of IQAC

- 1 Completion of Administrative staff training by December 2017
- 2 External Peer Review (EPR) of six departments to be held between October 01, 2017 and November 06, 2017
- 3 Post EPR Meeting in November 2017 with Self Assessment Committee (SAC) members to discuss the improvement plan related activities
- 4 Workshop at School level on 'Outcome based education, teaching and assessment strategy' for Faculty Members in November 2017
- 5 Motivational Seminar on 'Teaching as profession' for Faculty Members in December 2017
- 6 Quality Assurance Committee (QAC) Meeting to be held in December 2017



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