We deeply mourn the sudden passing of Mr. M. A. Hashem, Founder Trustee Member and Former Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BoT), North South University (NSU)

Mr. M. A. Hashem, Founder Trustee Member and the former Chairman of the Board of Trustees (BOT), North South University (NSU), Founder Chairman of Partex Group, and former Member of Parliament passed away today at 1:20 a.m. on Thursday, December 24, 2020 (Inna lillahi wa inna elaihi rajeun).

Mr. M. A. Hashem was a Founder Member of the NSU Foundation since its inception. He served as the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, NSU, several times. We gratefully remember his immense contribution to the growth of the University, which was very dear to him. He also had a long and illustrious association in the development of the private sector in Bangladesh.

After the independence of Bangladesh, Mr. M. A. Hashem started importing essential commodities and set up various factories in the country, which culminated in the establishment of the Partex Group. Among the group's products are Danish Condensed Milk, Mum Mineral Water, and the soft drink brand RC Cola, all of which are household names in the country today.

Mr. M. A. Hashem is one of the founders of The City Bank, and the United Commercial Bank (UCB). Over the years, he served as the chairman of both banks. He is also one of the founders of Janata Insurance Company. Mr. M. A. Hashem was also a former elected member of the Bangladesh National Parliament from Noakhali-2.

We pray to Almighty Allah (SWT) for the salvation of the departed soul and to give courage and fortitude to the members of the bereaved family to bear the loss.