

## Biography of Speakers



**Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid** presently serves as the **Minister of Education of Bangladesh**. He has degrees from Sylhet MC College and from Dhaka University. He was elected as President of the student union of Dhaka University in 1970. He has authored seven books. As Minister of Education he is leading the effort to reform curricula offerings that, in addition to skills development, includes a broader and values-based education deemed as more relevant to the needs of Bangladesh. He is leading the process to both increase access to and enhance the quality of instruction at secondary and post-secondary higher education. His younger daughter Ms Najia Samantha Islam is a student of NSU pursuing her MBA degree.

**Dr. Abul Kalam Azad Chowdhury**, presently serves as the **Chair of University Grants Commission of Bangladesh** and holds the rank of a State Minister. He earned his Ph.D. in Pharmacy in 1976 from University of Manchester in the United Kingdom followed by Post-Doctoral Research at University of Nottingham, UK. His research interests are in the areas of Drug Discovery, Drug Use, Health Care Delivery System, Health Policy and Drug Policy. He served as Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University from 1996 until 2011. He has earned numerous awards in the fields of teaching and research and has a distinguished record as an academic and civic leader and as a statesperson.



**Douglas Viehland** has served as the **Executive Director of ACBSP** since April 2003. Previously, Doug served as the President of the American Hotel & Lodging Foundation. He has a Masters Degree in Higher Education Administration. In each executive position in his career, he created programs designed to increase membership and participation by colleges in the trade association and the association-related foundation. He is a Certified Association Executive (CAE), a designation issued by the American Society of Association Executives. He has been instrumental in extending ACBSP's outreach to business schools outside the United States, now with offices in South America and in Europe.



**Dr. Alok Saklani** serves as **Professor and Director of APEEJAY School of Management** at Dwarka, New Delhi. He joined ASM in 2004 after a twenty five year distinguished career at Garwhal University, in Uttarkhand in India. His area of specialization is Customer Satisfaction, CRM and Research Methodology. He has published widely and has won several awards for instruction and service. Under his leadership, ASM was the only business school from India that was awarded ACBSP accreditation in 2013. This made the school to join the ranks of only twenty other business schools in India that have gained accreditation from USA or UK based associations.

**Dr. Shamsuddin Zarar**, is the **Director/Principal of ICBM School of Business Excellence** in Hyderabad, India. He has led the school since its inception in 2000. He earned a Ph.D. in Marketing from Magadh University. He also has degrees in law and an MBA from Osmania University. His teaching interests are in Operations Management, Statistics, Operations Research, and Marketing Research. He is an expert in training and training module designing. Under his leadership ICBM-SBE earned the coveted ACBSP accreditation in 2012.



**Dr. Md. Mahboob Rahman** began his term as **Dean of the School of Business at North South University** since May 2014. He earned his Ph.D. from University of Kansas and his B.A. from University of Central Missouri. His areas of academic expertise include Operations Research, Quantitative Methods and Modeling. Prior to joining North South University as an Assistant Professor in 2007 he worked as a member of faculty at Redlands University in California, USA and at BRAC University in Bangladesh. He has extensive consulting experience in industry. Since joining as Dean at the School of Business he has led the effort to revise core curriculum and enhance the quality of student experience at North South University. He is the Champion of the ACBSP accreditation effort at NSU.

**Dr. Bijoy K. Sahoo** presently serves as a **Consultant for Educational Quality at North South University**. He earned his MBA and his Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina in Columbia, SC. He has held tenured faculty positions at SC State University, Queens University, and at North Carolina Central University (NCCU). He served as a Chair Professor of Finance and International Business at the McColl School of Business. In 2004 he joined NCCU as an Assistant VC for Strategic Planning and later served variously as Dean and Vice-Chancellor. During his five year tenure as Dean the business school gained initial accreditation from both ACBSP and AACSB, International. He has also mentored several schools in the United States and in India and helped them to gain accreditations from ACBSP and AACSB.

