

COMMONWEALTH PHARMACISTS ASSOCIATION VISITS DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACY



Raymond Anderson, the President of the Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA) and Roger Odd, the Secretary along with Md. Nasser Shahrear Zahedee, the President of Bangladesh Pharmaceutical Society (BPS) and Vice President of Pharmacy Council of Bangladesh visited the Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences at North South University (NSU) yesterday. Dr. Hasan Mahmud Reza, Dean (In-Charge), School of Health and Life Sciences and Chairman, Department of Pharmaceutical Sciences welcomed the delegates at NSU. There was an interactive session with the core faculty members of the department where Dr. Reza talked about the resources and facilities housed at NSU for providing quality education to the students. The members discussed and identified that the community pharmacy can be the ultimate target for huge number of pharmacists in a country like Bangladesh. Mr. Zahedee was highly impressed to see a large number of PhDs among the faculty members in the department and commented that this department can make a difference. He said that he has always been supportive to improve pharmacy education in Bangladesh and believes that NSU Pharmacy has all the potential in terms of faculty members and resources to emerge with a separate entity. He also stated that Pharmacists will happily join in community pharmacy if we can set up retail pharmacy in an organized way, provide a handsome salary and establish the social recognition and these changes will not take place in a day, nevertheless, we have to initiate the ice-breaking steps right now.

The CPA president Raymond Anderson highly praised the diversified expertise which the faculty members have attained from different renowned institutions abroad. He urged that more pharmacy graduates should build their career in community pharmacy to improve public health. Roger Odd, the Honorary Secretary of the CPA expressed his desire to work closely with the faculty members and students of NSU Pharmacy regarding implementation of community pharmacy practice in Bangladesh. He encouraged our students to join conferences on community pharmacy in UK where CPA can help with a partial travel grant.

Later the team visited various laboratories in the department and expressed their great satisfaction. They added that NSU can play significant roles with its existing resources in generating knowledge and promoting pharmacy education that will eventually improve the quality of life.