

The Dean of the School of Health and Life Sciences, Dr. G. U. Ahsan, has been appointed Pro- Vice-Chancellor (Designate) of North South University. Beginning on February 28, 2017, he will be working alongside the current Vice Chancellor, Professor Atiqul Islam.

Dr. Ahsan, who is immensely valued for his various roles in academia and industry for over 25 years, received his Ph.D. in Epidemiology, Master's in Public Health Management, and Diploma in Tropical Medicine and Hygiene from Mahidol University in Thailand, one of the most prestigious institutions for public health and bioscience in the world. He worked as a researcher and specialist for the Health Personnel Development Program at the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh. His arduous efforts to comprehend the concept, causes, and consequences of infectious and microbial diseases earned him research grants from the World Health Organization, the International Development Research Centre, the United Nations Development Program, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and the U.S. Child Health Foundation, to name a few. For his breakthrough research findings on tuberculosis control in Bangladesh, he even received the International Geneva Award. He has also been an Executive Board Member of the South East Asia Public Health Education Network since 2003 and a member of the Technical Advisory Committee of the Southeast Asia region, situated in New Delhi, of the World Health Organization.

Dr. G. U. Ahsan has published more than 50 research articles in both local and foreign peer-reviewed journals. These articles are on a variety of topics such as gender and tuberculosis, HIV-AIDS, disaster management, and violence against women. Dr. Ahsan has worked very hard to enhance research at NSU. The fruition of his efforts includes the inception of the Masters of Public Health (MPH) Program at NSU, the university's collaboration with reputed international universities, and facilitation of Fulbright scholarships for MPH/EMPH alumni of NSU at top universities like Harvard. NSU looks forward to watching Dr. Ahsan help shape the university's grand aspirations.