

Unveiling Indo-Pacific Realities: NSU Seminar Explores Impact on Canada and Bangladesh

Dhaka, 28 August 2023: North South University today hosted a seminar titled 'Indo-Pacific – Canada's Strategy and Bangladesh's Outlook: A Deeper Look into the Key Areas' aiming to foster a profound comprehension of the Indo-Pacific dynamics and their implications for Canada and Bangladesh.

Held at NSU's Syndicate Hall, the seminar was jointly organized by the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of NSU and the Canadian High Commission of Bangladesh.



Rear Admiral (Retd.) Md. Khurshed Alam, Acting Foreign Secretary of Bangladesh was the chief guest of the seminar while Lilly Nicholls, High Commissioner of Canada in Bangladesh spoke as a special guest. A panel of experts contributed their insights, including Noor Mahmud Khan, Managing Director of PUL Group and CEO of eMicrograph Business Solution; Momtazul K N Ahmed, Head of Corporate Multinational Bank; Prof. Shahidul Haque from SIPG, NSU; and Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed from the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka.

Rear Admiral Md. Khurshed Alam emphasized the Indo-Pacific region's strategic importance within Bangladesh's foreign policy framework. High Commissioner Lilly Nicholls emphasized the strategic significance of Canada's engagement in the Indo-Pacific region and highlighted the mutual opportunities for collaboration between the two nations. Professor Atiqul Islam, NSU's Vice Chancellor, who chaired the session, emphasized the need for industries and banks to create enhanced opportunities for students studying abroad, thereby incentivizing their return to contribute to the nation's development.

Professor Shahidul Haque delivered a comprehensive presentation shedding light on the strategic approaches adopted by key players such as Japan, the United States, the United Kingdom, and India in the Indo-Pacific region. Professor Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed provided insightful analysis of the dynamics of multi-polarity and globalization partnerships among nations.

Prof. Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director of CPS and SIPG at NSU moderated.