Dear Graduands,

Congratulations on completing the requirements of your degree and qualifying to graduate.

We were anxious to hold the convocation for the last year and a half. NSU authorities, unfortunately, had to overcome a number of hurdles along the way of getting our Chancellor’s approval for the graduation. In the meantime, the number of graduands went up to over 7000. There is not a venue in Dhaka that would accommodate 7000 students + 14000 guardians + 1000 NSU staff. We have graduands who have obtained scholarships overseas and admission into foreign universities as well as jobs. Most universities, scholarship authorities, and some employers were requiring main certificates. Our students were about to miss these opportunities because of not possessing their main certificates. The Honorable Chancellor has been kind enough to approve our 24th Convocation and nominated the Honorable Education Minister Dr. Dipu Moni M.P. to officiate the graduation ceremony and confer the degrees. The Honorable Education Minister has been very sympathetic to the students’ needs and gave a date for the convocation at the earliest possible time which is the 12th of July 2023. After an extensive search, we realized that there is only one venue that would accommodate up to 13,000 people maximum—Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Centre. We were lucky to be able to book it for the 12th. Given the maximum capacity of the largest venue in the country, we had to limit the number of attendees. With considerable regret, we were forced to limit the number of guardians/guests per student to one only.

I hope you will understand the alternative would be half the students missing this graduation and waiting for the next with uncertainty. Let me also bring to your knowledge that food vendors have seen expressing their inability to cater to these large numbers.

We do not want you to miss a quality experience full of merriment of convocation. Accordingly, we planned the following activities for your enjoyment.

1. The main ceremony will be held on 12 July 2023 at the BBCFEC (Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Centre) at Purbachal, Dhaka; between 3:00-5:00 pm. The electronic invitation card is attached to this email. You will find the details there.
2. You are requested to be at the venue by 1 p.m. dressed in your gown, hood, and cap. Please remember that the venue gates will be closed at 2:30 PM for a smooth flow of the program.
3. Seat plans are done according to school and have color codes. You would receive a colored badge at the entrance point of the venue to match your seats. However, volunteers will direct you to your seat.

4. You are invited with one guest on the 12th, as the maximum capacity of this venue permits only one guest per student.

5. Convocation dinner and cultural program for 2020 students will take place on campus on 14 July and convocation dinner and cultural program for 2021 students will take place on campus on 15 July. You can bring two guests to the convocation dinner and concert. Details of these programs will reach you soon.

6. Convocation brochures, gift items, and main certificates will be distributed later on and the dates will be notified by the Controller of Examinations.

The NSU authority is committed to making your Convocation as memorable as possible, and truly regrets some of the limitations that have to be imposed.

We look forward to your enthusiastic participation in this milestone ceremony of your life.

Thank you.

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