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## CENTER FOR PEACE STUDIES (CPS) LAUNCHED AT NSU Promoting Peace through People

South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) at North South University has launched Center for Peace Studies (CPS) on February 27, 2020. The aim of the center is to promote peace through people by initiating research and educating peace, conducting dialogues and trainings, and turn into a hub of academics, scholars, researchers and practitioners to create sustainable and inclusive approaches to peacebuilding.

Mr. Md. Shahidul Haque, Senior Fellow of SIPG, and the former Foreign Secretary presented a keynote paper on "Politics of Peace and Development: Views through SDG Lenses." In his speech, Mr. Haque looked at the nexus between peace and development within a framework of Agenda 2030. He emphasized on the policy of sustainable peace and development which should be seen from the local contexts and global politics.

Two recently published books, "The Migration Myth in Policy and Practice", published by Springer and "The Rohingya Crisis", published by Lexington Books were also unveiled in the program. In the first book, Dr. AKM Ahsan Ullah and Md. Shahidul Haque have tried to answer some fundamental questions of migration such as why people migrate, its drivers, and its consequences both bad and good. They have investigated the long-term impacts of migration on development, engaging in a thorough analysis of the pertinent factors in migration. In the other co-authored book, Dr. Kawser Ahmed and Professor Helal Mohiuddin have explored Rohingya identity, conflict, the geo-economic and geo-political factors contributing to the conflict, and outlined peacebuilding avenues available for conflict transformation at the macro-, meso-, and micro-level.

Benajir Ahmed, Chairman, BOT, NSU was present as the special guest. The Vice Chancellor of NSU, Professor Atiqul Islam presided the program. Professor Abdur Rob Khan, Dean, SHSS, NSU, Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director, SIPG, NSU, Dr. M Jashim Uddin, Coordinator, CPS, Dr. Katherine Li, Adviser, CPS, members of CPS Professor Helal Mohiuddin, Dr. Bulbul Siddiqi, Dr. Ishrat Zakia Sultana, and Dr. Harisur Rahman along with other NSU faculties and students were also present.

