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CPS Webinar

“Forgotten Crisis: How the Rohingya Crisis Viewed by Foreign News Media”

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On February 11, 2025, the Center for Peace Studies (CPS) of North South University conducted an international webinar entitled "Forgotten Crisis: How the Rohingya Crisis Is Perceived by Foreign News Media." The event convened eminent speakers and academicians from around the world to illuminate the significance of international cooperation, peace, and the media's influence on global narratives.

Dr. M Jashim Uddin, Professor & Director of the Center for Policy Studies (CPS) at North South University, delivered the opening remarks of the webinar. He emphasized CPS's motto, "Promoting peace through people", highlighting the difficulty of achieving peace in a world still marred by conflict and violence. He highlighted the critical role of media in influencing public opinion and advocating for justice and humanitarian assistance, expressing profound concern regarding the diminishing international aid for Rohingya refugees.

Professor Toshiya Hoshino, Professor Emeritus at Osaka University and Former Ambassador of Japan to the United Nations, emphasized the importance of dialogue in the resolution of international conflicts and diplomacy. He expressed optimism that the conversations would encourage future partnerships, especially between Osaka University and North South



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University, to enhance education and research focused on peace and human security across the globe.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Virgil Hawkins, a professor at the Osaka School of International Public Policy, captivated the audience with an engaging conversation about the difficulties and possibilities in peacebuilding. He encouraged the global community to strengthen cooperative initiatives aimed at tackling urgent issues, especially the Rohingya crisis. Utilizing insights from comparative media studies, Dr. Hawkins demonstrated how media attention towards the Rohingya crisis—initially broad and compassionate—has notably decreased due to the prolonged nature of the conflict.

In his closing remarks, Professor Dr. Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of North South University, stated that the Rohingya crisis has emerged as a significant national security issue for Bangladesh. He emphasized the collapse of the bilateral repatriation agreement established between Bangladesh and Myanmar in 2017 and encouraged international media to persist in elevating global awareness regarding the rights of the Rohingya. He appealed to major powers and the international community to play a substantial role in addressing the crisis.

The session was moderated by Mr. Raheed Ejaz, Diplomatic Correspondent of Prothom Alo. The event witnessed active participation from NSU faculty, students, and attendees from universities worldwide, reflecting CPS's commitment to advancing peace research and promoting international cooperation.



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