

MPPG Alumni Reunion and Workshop on Negotiation Skills was held at NSU

A day-long reunion and workshop of the Master in Public Policy and Governance (MPPG) Alumni was held on 14 May 2022 at NSU campus. The workshop was on “Strengthening Negotiations Skills of the Civil Servants and Professionals”. It was jointly organized by the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG) of North South University and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Bangladesh. This workshop was designed to impart background knowledge of the crucial issues of negotiation and then building negotiation skills of the participants through case studies to enable them to secure the best possible deals in favor of their nation. Some alumni and faculties from Nepal and Norway also joined virtually in this program.

The workshop participants include MPPG Alumni who are mostly government officials and other professionals from the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Commerce, Economic Relations Division (ERD), Bangladesh Betar, BTRC, Bangladesh Trade and Tariff Commission, BRAC, US and Malaysian embassies in Bangladesh etc.



The closing session and certificate awarding ceremony was chaired by Professor Atiqul Islam, Vice Chancellor of NSU. He said that NSU is committed to building skilled human resources as Bangladesh needs more trained personnel to negotiate various deals in future. Dr. Nazneen Ahmed, Country Economist, UNDP, Bangladesh opined in her opening remarks that the participants of this workshop will represent Bangladesh in the global arena and strive for achieving the interests of the country in the negotiating tables. She thanked SIPG, NSU for partnering with UNDP, Bangladesh in organizing a series of such training programs including this workshop.

Some of the participants also expressed their experiences and impressions about this workshop. They said that they are delighted to attend such a program and it has enhanced their negotiation skills which will be helpful in the upcoming days. The alumni also recommended upgrading the MPPG program and conducting more research in future. Academics, researchers, civil servants, diplomats, professionals, and students were present at the program.