



North South University vice-chancellor Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury presents a crest to Islamic Republic of Pakistan's federal minister for planning, development and special initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal at the NSU in Dhaka on Wednesday. — Press release

## *NSU hosts session with Pakistan federal minister Ahsan Iqbal*

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THE South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance and the department of political science and sociology of North South University jointly organised an interactive session titled Shared Future of South Asia at the Syndicate Hall of NSU in Dhaka on Wednesday.

The session featured Professor Ahsan Iqbal, federal minister for planning, development and special initiatives, Islamic Republic of Pakistan, as chief guest, said a press release.

He praised NSU's academic standards and scholarly environment.

He also expressed appreciation for the university's faculty and library resources, proposed co-supervision opportunities between NSU and Pakistani universities for PhD students and em-

phasised that with nearly 60 per cent of the population under the age of 30, the region must effectively harness youth as a strategic resource for future development.

The programme began with a welcome speech by Professor Hafizur Rahman, department of biochemistry and microbiology, NSU, and COMSTECH Focal Person for Bangladesh.

He remarked that the moment was opportune to recalibrate and deepen collaboration between Bangladesh and Pakistan, particularly in the areas of science, technology, education and culture, to maximise shared benefits for both nations.

The session was moderated by Rizwan Khair, associate professor and chair of the department of political science and sociology, NSU.

Aziz Al Kaiser, chairman of the board of trustees, NSU, stressed that closer collaboration between Bangladesh and Pakistan could be advanced through the exchange of knowledge, ideas and academic perspectives, underscoring the role of universities in fostering mutual understanding.