

NSU Hosts 2026 Confucius Institute Board Meeting with Yunnan University Delegation

Dhaka, 23 April 2026: North South University (NSU) hosted the 2026 Board Meeting of the Confucius Institute at NSU at the Syndicate Hall, welcoming a high-level delegation led by Professor Ma Wenhui, President of Yunnan University (YNU), China.

The meeting brought together senior leadership from NSU and YNU to review institutional progress, discuss strategic priorities, and further strengthen academic collaboration between the two institutions. The session was moderated by Dr. Wu Yun, Director of the Office of International Cooperation and Exchange at Yunnan University, with simultaneous interpretation in Chinese and English.



The program commenced with opening remarks by Mr. Aziz Al Kaiser, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of NSU, followed by addresses from Professor Ma Wenhui, President of Yunnan University, and Professor Abdul Hannan Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of NSU. Their remarks underscored the importance of sustained academic partnerships and cross-cultural engagement in advancing higher education and regional cooperation.

The meeting featured presentations on the performance and future plans of the Confucius Institute at NSU. Ms. Ma Xiaoyan, Chinese Director of the Confucius Institute, presented the work and financial report for 2025–2026 along with the proposed budget for 2026–2027. Professor Bulbul

Siddiqi, Local Director of the Confucius Institute, highlighted key achievements and outlined the work plan for the upcoming year.



A key highlight of the session was the presentation by Professor Sk. Tawfique M. Haque, Director of the South Asian Institute of Policy and Governance (SIPG), on the ongoing collaboration between the China–South Asia Center for Socio-Cultural Studies (CSCSS), SIPG, and the School of Ethnology, Yunnan University. The presentation emphasized joint research initiatives, academic exchange, and expanding interdisciplinary cooperation between the partner institutions.



The meeting also included discussions on several important areas of collaboration, including cooperation between the Department of Environmental Science and Management (NSU) and the School of Earth Science (YNU), the potential restart of the Bangladesh-China Research Center, and expanding collaboration in anthropology and socio-cultural studies.



Following the presentations, participants reviewed and approved key reports, engaged in strategic discussions, and adopted resolutions aimed at strengthening institutional partnerships. The session concluded with the signing of agreements, followed by a group photo and closing remarks.

The meeting was attended by senior representatives from NSU, including Professor Md. Rizwanul Islam, Dean of the School of Humanities and Social Sciences; Professor Md. Jakariya, Director of the Climate Change and Disaster Resilience Center; Dr. Mohammad Abdul Matin, Chair of the Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering; and Dr. Cynthia McKinney, Director of the Office of External Affairs. The Yunnan University delegation included senior officials and faculty members from various academic and administrative units.



The successful completion of the board meeting reflects NSU's continued commitment to strengthening international academic partnerships, particularly in fostering Bangladesh–China collaboration in education, research, and cultural exchange.

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