



Brac University signs MoU with California Northstate University

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File photo of BRAC University campus in Dhaka's Mohakhali on Monday, August 6, 2018 **Arifur Rahman Rabbi/Dhaka Tribune**

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The Department of Pharmacy of Brac University has signed an MoU with California NorthState University, College of Pharmacy (CNUCOP).

Through this collaboration, Brac University students will get the opportunity to pursue an international PharmD degree in this field of study.

This is the first collaboration and joint PharmD program of its kind in Bangladesh, said a media statement.

The six-year-long undergraduate degree will entail completing the first two years of study at the Department of Pharmacy, Brac University, and finishing the next four years at California NorthState University, the US.

The collaboration will result in the attainment of a PharmD certificate from California NorthState University.

A virtual open house event was held recently to introduce the students to the new BPharm - PharmD Pathway Program.

The virtual open house was attended by distinguished guests from both universities, registered students, their guardians and alumni of the department.

A panel of speakers from BRAC university spoke at the event, including Professor Dr Eva Rahman Kabir, chairperson DoP, Professor Dr Hasina Yasmin, deputy chair, DoP, Professor Dr Sultan Hafeez Rahman, member, BoT, Dr David Dowland, registrar, Professor Dr Ahmed Mushtaque Raza Chowdhury, convenor, Bangladesh Education Watch and Bangladesh Health Watch and former vice-chair, BRAC, and Professor Dr Samia Huq, dean of general education and professor of anthropology.

The speakers from CNUCOP were Dean Dr Xiaodong Feng, Professor Dr Fakhrul Ahsan, Assistant Dean of Accreditation and Program Development Dr Ashim Malhotra, and Assistant Dean of Student Affairs Dr Olivia Phung.

A number of prestigious guests from pharmaceutical companies and Bangladeshi research institutes attended the event as well.