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DU Convocation to be held tomorrow

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All is set for holding the 41st Convocation of the Dhaka University tomorrow (Saturday) in a befitting manner.

During a press briefing on Thursday DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury informed newsman of this.

The President and Chancellor of the University Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed will confer degrees on the graduates and distribute medals for outstanding academic performances, he said.

But Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, who was formally invited, is not likely to be present at the function for her pressing preoccupations, said Prof Azad adding, she was eager to join the programme.

Even she had cancelled two of her programmes to join in the Convocation, he added.

A total of 3,200 Bachelors and Masters' graduates, 60 M.Phil's and 25 Ph.D holders will be given degrees at the ceremony. As many as 29 meritorious students will be awarded gold medals for their academic performances, he disclosed.

Sir David Harrison, Master of Selwyn College of Cambridge University will deliver the Convocation Speech.

Sir Harrison was the Chairman

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of the Committee of UK Vice-Chancellors and Principals (CVCP) during 1992-93, Azad Chowdhury said.

The Convocation is not just an annual ceremony. It creates enthusiasm among the pass-outs and makes them confident of serving the nation, Prof Chowdhury observed.

Replying a question the VC said, 'we do not oppose DUCSU but we are not so eager to form it right now.'

'A quiet atmosphere is prevailing in the campus and it could be more quiet if the DUCSU had existed, he said adding, but we are afraid the atmosphere may be foiled if the DUCSU elections schedule was announced.'