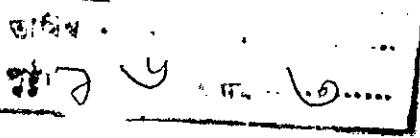


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## KU second Convocation held

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KHULNA, Feb 14:-President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed has called upon the promising and scholarly graduates of Khulna University to utilise their knowledge and skills to serve the country and its people.

The President was addressing the second Convocation of Khulna University this noon on KU campus as the Chancellor of the University.

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed said, education aims to build students as citizens with strong morality.

The President wished KU would contribute positively in exercising knowledges in science, industry, technology, arts and culture keeping pace with current world for the prosperity of the people. He said KU was a successful output of utilising and restoring of country's resources after the liberation. He expressed his satisfaction over completion of courses in due time.

Among others, Education Minister ASHK Sadeque, Chairman of University Grant Commission Professor Dr ATM Sahurul Haque. KU VC Dr SM Nazrul Islam, spoke on the occasion.

Education Minister had made pleas for the increase in tutorial fees considering the solvency of guardians of students in higher studies. He also advocated for bank loan for meritorious students.

Professor Dr ATM Zahurul Haque in his speech said education of 21st century should be vocational. He said, we must discourage general education rather we should re-fix our education mainly for market economy.

KU VC Professor Dr SM Nazrul Islam said KU is a politics and session jam free University.

Despite hartal hundreds of graduates clad in colourful black gown joined today's Convocation to receive their degrees from the Chancellor. Three students—Sheikh Mostafa Al Masum (1998) and KM Azharul Hasan (1999) of Computer Science and Engineering Disciplines and Syed Mahbub Ali (2000) of Management and Business Administration Discipline received Chancellor Gold Medal from President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed for their outstanding academic performances.

Ministers, Parliament Members, City Mayor, political leaders, army and naval officers, high police officials, administrative high officials, KU teachers, journalists, educationists and other sections of people joined the Convocation held after 1997.

KU treasurer Sardar Abdur Razzak gave a vote of thanks.