



Pro-Vice Chancellor of North South University Hafiz G.A. Siddiqi giving away certificates to the graduate and post graduate students of the university at a convocation ceremony held at the Osmany Memorial Hall on Friday.

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President opens confce on IT

Access to information super highway needed

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed on Friday said despite constraints Bangladesh must try to establish high speed optical (Fibre) link for getting access to information super highway, reports BSS.

"Bangladesh don't have any physical link to world of information super highway and our access to the internet is limited by the maximum Bandwidth offered by Virtual Small Aperture Terminal (VSAT)", he said.

President Shahabuddin Ahmed was inaugurating a three-day International Conference on Computer and Information Technology in the auditorium of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) in Dhaka.

He said establishment of high speed optical-link to the information super highway will not only ensure higher speed, but will also result manifold increase in the overseas trade and commerce of the country.

He said the revolutionary developments in the field of computer and information technology have made a tremendous impact on mankind.

"Computers, which are now being used in almost every sphere of life from simple household uses to highly automated production lines, also play a vital role in decision making activities," the President said.

The President said the people around the world are much closer today than even a few years ago due to the rapid development of the internet technology and information super highway. The world of information is now a finger tips away", he observed.

The President lauded Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) for recent introduction of Computer Aided Design (CAD) facilities for Very Large Scale Integrated (VLSI) circuits.

Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed said

that the removal of taxes from computers and its accessories and introduction of computer courses by the Government in secondary and higher secondary levels would be helpful for the development of Information Technology (IT) industries in Bangladesh.

Wishing success of the conference, the President said the presence of distinguished foreign academicians and researchers will give Bangladeshi academicians, information technology professionals and students an opportunity to evaluate their work in broader international perspective.

Chaired by Vice-Chancellor of BUET Professor Noor Uddin Ahmed, the inaugural session was addressed by noted IT and computer experts Prof. Jamilur Reza Choudhury, Prof. M.A. Karim, Prof. M Kaykobad and Prof. Syed Mahfuzul Aziz.

A total of 165 IT and computer experts from Australia, Bangladesh, India, Finland, Japan, United Kingdom, USA, Malaysia, Thailand, Canada and Singapore are participating in the conference.