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Education system to be reformed: Khaleda

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia said in Dhaka Tuesday that the existing education system has to be reformed into life-oriented and timely one to meet the demand of entire nation and link education with the production process, reports BSS.

"We have to think deeply about the education system which gives birth to terrorism, creates unemployment, causes wastage of merit and increases copying tendency," Begum Zia was addressing a reception organised for the Ph.D. degree holders of the Fellowship Programme of Bangladesh University Grants Commission and their guides NEC auditorium.

The Prime Minister called upon the educationists to come forward in reforming the existing education system which would help establish a poverty-free and science and technology based democratic society.

Underlining the need for attaining self-dependency in higher education and research the Prime Minister said opportunities to that perspective were to be created to improve the standard of education and check brain drain.

Begum Zia said all especially the teachers had to work for ensuring proper academic atmosphere for the students and enlighten them with the knowledge of life. Quoting Carlyle the Prime Minister said "an ideal student community is like Aladdin's

lamp. It can mould and enlighten the social structure of a national life."

The Prime Minister said the image of the universities depended on the standard of higher education in the country. She said the Government had taken up different steps for creating opportunities for higher education and their proper management. The steps included establish-

ment of Open University, introduction of National University programme and allowing the setting up of private university in the country, she said.

"Education is our political commitment," she said adding the allocation for education sector would be increased in the coming days to fulfil the commitment.

The Prime Minister congratulated the persons who received the Ph.D. degrees under the Fellowship Programme of the University Grants Commission and hoped that they would contribute significantly in their respective fields.

The function was also addressed by Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar, University Grants Commission Chairman Prof. Mohammad Shamsul Huq and Member Professor Mohammad Ali.

Earlier the Prime Minister handed over certificates among the 70 recipients of the Ph.D. degrees. She also presented gifts to the Guides of Fellowship Programme.

Under the Fellowship Programme another thirty person are doing their Ph.D. degree courses at present.