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Chief Justice Mostafa Kamal Abbasi on Saturday said that the conventional education system of the country needed a thorough reformation to generate a set of new generation fit for the coming century.

"It is not possible to survive in the job market of the Twenty First Century without an education system based on technology", he said.

Justice Kamal was speaking at the first convocation ceremony of AMA International University - Bangladesh (AIUB) as the convocation guest at a city hotel.

A total of 44 students graduating in 1999 from different disciplines were awarded their certificates at the ceremony by the Vice Chancellor of the University Carmen Z. Lamagna being nominated by the Chancellor President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed.

Congratulating the graduate students, the Vice Chancellor said, "You (graduates) must be the best in order to face the challenges that will confront you as you are AIUB's first but also the last graduating class of the century and the millennium as well".

Academic and special awards were also presented on the occasion and the Alumni Association of the university was also inducted

there.

Earlier, the Pro-Vice Chancellor of AIUB Prof. Tafazzal Hossain delivered the welcome speech at the convocation. Addressing the ceremony, Prof. Hossain said that the progress of Bangladesh lied in the increasing productivity through efficient application of computer and information technology in all spheres of our life. "I think the graduates of AIUB will meet the demands of globalisation to some extent", he said. "AIUB is firmly committed to computer-based education, communication and information technology", he added.

Special guest of the ceremony Prof. A.T.M. Zahurul Haq, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Dhaka, in his speech said, "I believe AIUB, like all other standard universities of the country, has been conducting its academic activities in conformity with the prescribed rules and regulations meant for them and maintaining the quality and standard of higher education in the country".

The Chairman of the government appointed agency as watchdog for the maintenance of standard of the universities across the country further said that it was his

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firm conviction that the graduates from AIUB would be able to contribute to the society and prove their worth in all spheres of activities in which they would involve themselves in future.

Chairman and founder of the university, in his speech, felicitated the graduates and termed them the forefront of the national development efforts as the nation approached the 21st century.

Talking of the university, the Chairman said, "AIUB believes in quality education and with that mission, we are moving ahead".

The ceremony was also addressed by Dr. Kim Huynh Wills of the University of California, Riverside, USA.

The 44 students who graduated this year for the first time since the inception of the university were from the Departments of Business Administration, Computer Science, Computer Engineering, Electronics and Communication Engineering.

Hafizul Islam, on behalf of all the graduates addressed the ceremony. Earlier, in the morning, the convocation venue was in a joyous air when the graduating students paraded into the spot in traditional black convocation gear as it was the first time in the history of the newly introduced university.