

Link education with life: PM **Groom talents for prosperity**

By A Staff Reporter

Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia on Saturday said our knowledge and talent should be used in the practical need of our daily life. Education does not mean only passing examinations and obtaining certificates. We have to link education with life and society, she said.

Begum Khaleda Zia was addressing a reception accorded to meritorious students of the talent pool of 1993 Secondary School Certificate Examinations under country's four education boards and the dakhil examination of madrasah Education Board.

The Prime Minister said,

there is no alternative to knowledge and talents. The establishment of an advanced society. The talented and wise are the country's biggest resource. We have to properly groom and nourish the talents for achieving prosperity.

Sheheed President Ziaur Rahman first introduced the practice of according reception to the meritorious students for their correct evaluation.

He used to invite the merito-

rious students to awaken patriotism among them that they could contribute to lessening the hardships of the country's toiling masses. He used to discuss with them about the country and its people.

The Prime Minister said her government is also following the policy of Sheheed President Ziaur Rahman in this regard so that the meritorious students could make efforts in their

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practical life to alleviate miseries of the commonman.

Recalling the talents who had earlier placed the country in respectable platforms in the seat of the world, Begum Zia asked the young prodigies to revive the lost glory.

You have to bring smile on the faces of peasants, workers and the have-nots only then the country will attain prosperity and development and your talent, labour and perseverance will be successful she said.

The Prime Minister stressed the importance of vocational, practical and technical education for transforming the country's huge population into an efficient workforce.

Dwelling on the aim and objectives of education, the Prime Minister said it aimed at developing individuals, expansion of potentialities, bringing reforms in society and developing the country.

She further said that we have to march forward with the changing world and we have to inculcate, invent and imple-

ment modern and appropriate technology.

She said that for this end, we should flourish and nurture talents.

The Prime Minister congratulated the students for their brilliant academic seat and said she felt happy to be present at the reception, organised by the Ministry of Education.

Terming the meritorious students as the pride of the nation and sources of inspiration for other learners, the Prime Minister praised them for attaining success by overcoming many obstacles in the educational arena.

The reception held in the Osmany memorial hall in city was attended by ministers, guardians and teachers of the distinguished students.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sircar, State Minister for Education Principal Mohammad Yunus Khan, Education Secretary Mohammad Ershadul Huq and chairman of the Dhaka Secondary and Higher Secondary Education Board Latisur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.