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Certificates distributed among 325 brilliant students

Help maintain academic peace on campus: PM

The meritorious students of last year's higher secondary certificate (HSC) examination and Alem Examination were according a state-level reception in Dhaka Saturday today in recognition of their excellent academic performances, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia was the chief guest at the reception of the 325 brilliant students, who secured positions in the merit lists of last

years' HSC examination under four education boards and the Madrasah Education Board.

This was for the first time that the successful candidates of the combined merit lists of HSC examinations were given state-level honour for their academic feat.

The Prime Minister extended her sincere greetings to the successful students for their brilliant academic performances as well as the teachers and guardians for their encouragement and contributions for the students' success.

She asked the students to prepare themselves to lead the nation in future. In this regard, she said, the students would have to make themselves more competent through ceaseless exercise of knowledge.

The Prime Minister said her government had taken all-out measures to ensure congenial academic atmosphere in the country's educational institu-

tions.

But she regretted that a section of people, being negligent of the social development, had been continuing their attempts to disrupt the academic environment solely for political motives.

It does not benefit anybody if the academic atmosphere is disrupted, educational institutions are closed and examinations are delayed, she said. "It affects our children as well as the whole nation", Begum Zia continued.

The Prime Minister urged all politicians, students, teachers and guardians to contribute in maintaining such an atmosphere where students' could pursue their studies unhampered and there would be no unscheduled closure of educational institutions even for a day.

"This sort of academic atmosphere has become essential not for the interests of any

party, individual or quarter, but for the whole nation", Begum Zia said.

The Prime Minister distributed certificates to each of the 325 meritorious students one by one.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sirar and Education Secretary Mr. Irshadul Huq spoke on the occasion.

Held at the Osmany Memorial Hall auditorium the function was attended by a number of ministers, educationalists, teachers and guardians.

The Prime Minister said tremendous progress had been achieved in the fields of science and technology at the end of this century, and hoped that the brilliant students today would be able to continue their successes in their pursuits of acquiring knowledge in those fields. Asking the students to prepare themselves to face the challenges of the coming century Begum Zia said the students would have to accelerate the process of their learning.

The Prime Minister said there was no alternative to education for the over all development of the country.

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ment of the country and added the spread of education was urgently needed for the removal of poverty, and unemployment and maintenance of sound health.

"Education can only remove the deficit of resources", she said.

Referring to her government's measures for the development of education including the highest budgetary allocation, introduction of compulsory primary education, food for education programme and free-education for the female students upto class ten outside the municipal areas and stipend for them, the Prime Minister said all these steps were intended to ensure over all progress of the nation.