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Nahid urges winners of Edexcel awards

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A total of 566 students of 56 English medium schools across the country have received Edexcel awards for their brilliant academic performance.

The event took place at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in the capital yesterday amid presence of the awardees, other students, parents, teachers and distinguished guests.

Pearson's largest qualification brand Edexcel, in collaboration with British Council, hosted its fifth academic award ceremony for the students who achieved outstanding results in their international GCSE and A-level examinations in 2016.

Of the total awardees in four different categories, 385 got

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Edexcel awards for obtaining 7 'A' Grades and above in one sitting and 8 'A' Grades and more in two sittings in international GCSE.

Eighty-two students received awards for obtaining 4 'A' Grades and above in one sitting in GCE A-level examinations and 51 students achieved the world's highest marks in individual subjects. Besides, 48 students also received special awards for achieving excellent results in Primary and Lower Secondary Curriculum (PLSC) test.

Among the best of the best, Soumik Saha of Maple Leaf International School got highest marks in the world in three subjects in O-level examinations, Abdullah Al Mamun Liton, regional development manager, Pearson, Edexcel, Bangladesh, told The Daily Star after the event.

In the International GCSE examination, Mohammed Mohaimen of Mastermind School can be considered the best among

the best students who got 13 A Grade and 10 A*, said Liton. In A-level examinations, Mahim Ar Rahman of Mangrove School is the best among the best students who got 6 A Grade including 4 A*, Liton also remarked.

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid and British High Commissioner Alison Blake handed over certificates and medals.

Nahid called upon parents and students not to forget Bangla and its culture while learning English. "In today's world, English is synonymously linked to development, modernity, scientific and technological advancement and English medium schools have opened up a world of opportunities for its students," he said. He urged the students not to detach themselves from their roots. Saidur Rahman, country manager, Pearson, Edexcel, Bangladesh; Derek Richardson, director of qualification development, assessment and awarding, Pearson, UK; Harish Doraiswamy, vice-president, Pearson India; Jim Scarth, acting director, British Council, Bangladesh; also spoke, among others.