

Education not for making money: Hamid

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President Abdul Hamid yesterday called upon private university authorities to use education as a means of the nation's development and progress instead of a money-making tool.

"Universities are the best centres of higher education. So, every university should make an effort to build patriotic and educated human resources by ensuring standards of education," he said.

The president was addressing the 16th convocation of East West University on its campus in the capital.

Stressing the need for linking education with works, Hamid said acquiring knowledge is the main objective of education, but education which is not work-oriented cannot encourage people at all.

He said higher education helps a person flourish his inner potentials, personality and thoughts.

"Delivering lectures in classrooms

as per curricula is not the only responsibility of a university, but as a higher education institution it should educate students with social values, humanity, social responsibilities and tolerance."

Expressing concern over the emergence of terrorism worldwide, he said a few students of some renowned universities and members of some affluent families got involved in militancy which was a matter of concern for the country and the nation.

University authorities, families and the society cannot avoid the responsibility of such terrorist activities of the young generation, said the president.

He urged teachers, students and civil society members to mount a united resistance to terrorism and militancy.

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sector, Hamid said decentralisation of higher education has been one of the great successes of the incumbent government.

He hoped the authorities of private universities, alongside the government, would invest in education outside the capital.

Vice-chancellor Prof MM Shahidul Hassan of East West University, its trustee board Chairperson Mohammed Farashuddin and convocation speaker Prof Mohammad Jahid Hasan spoke, among others.