

## President for edn plans in line with job market

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PRESIDENT Abdul Hamid on Thursday underscored the need for taking up education programmes in line with the international job market, saying that demand and job based education is needed for turning the students into skilled human resources for ensuring sustainable development of the country.

'We have to chalk out education plans in line with the international job market and our students will have to be educated with profession based traditional and non-traditional education so that they can survive in this era

of globalisation through facing challenges,' the president said while speaking at the 3rd Convocation of Bangladesh University of Professionals in Dhaka.

He said education is the main weapon to build the nation and quality education is needed not only for economic development, rather it is the only way to develop knowledge, non-communal spirit and above all to awake students with patriotism.

'Our universities must keep it in mind because we don't need education for achieving certificates only, rather we need education to build enlightened human being and creative personal-

ity to take the nation ahead,' he added.

The president said Bangladesh needs human resources with ICT knowledge to exploit its huge potentials. Despite institutional and infrastructural problems, the country has been able to maintain over 6 per cent growth. It has already become lower middle income country and it will soon become middle income country, he added.

He said Bangladesh has many elements such as huge workforce, export friendly port facilities, creativity, huge internal market and favourable geological position to accelerate growth. As the 21st

century is the 'Century of Asia'. Bangladesh will be able to remain as an advanced passenger in the development highway if it is able to exploit its potentials properly, he added.

President Hamid suggested changing the name of Bangladesh University of Professionals because not only the professionals but also general students are studying in this university.

BU, run by the armed forces, was established in 2008 as the country's 30th public university.

A total of 835 students were given degrees while 14 got gold medal for their outstanding performance.