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# President tells engineers to plan for sustainable development

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PRESIDENT Abdul Hamid on Monday urged the country's engineers to chalk out development plans taking the future into consideration.

'Bangladesh is a country of immense potential. The country has immense human resources, fertile agricultural land and potent natural resources. It is needed to utilise the existing resources in a planned manner to make the populous country a prosperous one,' said Hamid, while addressing the third convocation of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology on its campus.

At the convocation, a total of 1603 students received degrees while three got gold medals for their outstanding

academic results.

President Hamid said 'The engineers are the architects of development. The vision of sustainable development comes out from their merit, spirit and creative thoughts. So there must be clear reflection of foresight in their thought and spirit.'

Development plans have to be chalked out keeping in mind what type of development should take place in 2050 or 2100, or which level Bangladesh would reach during the time in mind, said the president, also the chancellor of the university.

The issue of climate change has to be addressed with proper importance, he stressed. 'We have to take our level of knowledge and efficiency to international standard to survive in the

competition in the age of globalisation.'

Observing that it is mandatory to maintain friendly relations between teachers and students to create a congenial academic atmosphere, the president urged teachers to behave said 'like a guardian with affection.'

Pointing at the graduates, he said 'you have crossed an important stair on the way of life today. The real struggle of life would begin now. Today's convocation is the recognition to emerge in the struggle.'

University Grants Commission chairman Prof Abdul Mannan, CLET VC Professor Md Jahangir Alam, among others, spoke on the occasion while VC of University of Asia Pacific of Prof Jamilur Reza Choudhury delivered convocation speech.