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Fifth convocation of BUET today

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The fifth convocation ceremony of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology will be held today at the university playground.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina who is the Chancellor of BUET will preside over the convocation ceremony while former chief adviser to the caretaker government Habibur Rahman will deliver the convocation speech.

Education Minister ASHK Sadek and Prof Iqbal Mahmud, Vice Chancellor of BUET will address the function.

A total of 2675 graduates, 299 post-graduates including 10 PhD holders, will be awarded certificates.

Twenty-seven students will be awarded gold medals for their outstanding results in examinations.

Prof Sohrabuddin Ahmad of Civil Engineering Department will be awarded "Dr Rashid Gold Medal" for his contributions in teaching and research works.

About 3000 guests including ministers, high officials, diplomats, engineers, architects and teachers have been invited to attend the convocation.

Established as a Survey School in 1875 and upgraded to a university in phases, BUET has so far produced 18000 engineers, architects and planners. The Survey School was first converted into Ahsanullah School of Engineering and then into an engineering college.

The BUET has 16 departments, two institutes and three centres now. A total of 3250 students are now studying at graduate level in 11 departments, 1771 at the post-graduate level under 15 departments and 41 students at Ph D level.

The BUET has 340 teachers of whom 100 professors, 69 associate professors and 113 lecturers. Among the teachers 181 have Ph D degrees.