

# IUB convocation today

The 7th Convocation of the Independent University, Bangladesh will be held on Saturday at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre, Dhaka. Professor Dr. Iqubuddin Ahmed, President and Chancellor of the University, will preside over the Convocation ceremony and confer degrees on the graduating students. The Minister of Education Dr. M Osman Faruk will be the Chief Guest, says a press release.

This year the convocation has a special significance as it coincides with the 10th founding anniversary of the University. In view of this importance of the convocation, the University has drawn an elaborate programme of celebration which includes cultural function by exclusively IUB students, staging of drama by Nagorik Naha Sampraday, inter-private university painting exhibition and inter-university quiz competition. These programmes started early this week and will continue after the convocation.

IUB, established in 1993, has been holding convocation since then every year on the first Saturday of June, immediately after the conclusion of the academic year in May. It has also developed the tradition of honouring a reputed person with an Honorary Fellowship who has made a contribution in the field of education, science and social science. This year the Governing Council of the University has decided to award the Fellowship to the renowned historian of the country, Prof. A. F. Salahuddin Ahmed.

This year 260 students would receive their graduate degrees and 19 students would get the International MBA degree, jointly offered by IUB and the Maasrick School of Management, the Netherlands. This is the largest number of students receiving degrees from IUB since the first convocation in 1997. Another special feature of the convocation is that the students from IUB-Chitagong are receiving degrees first time since the educational facilities were opened in Chitagong in 1999, ushering in a new dimension to our higher education.

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