



President Professor Iajuddin Ahmed addressing the third convocation of the American International University of Bangladesh (AIUB) at the China-Bangladesh Friendship Conference Centre on Thursday.

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Redirect efforts for higher edn: President

President Professor Iajuddin Ahmed on Thursday said private universities need to redirect their efforts and means towards creating more opportunities for higher education in Bangladesh, reports UNB.

"Our private universities will have to find resources which will enable them diversify their academic base as well as social composition," he told the 3rd convocation of American International University-Bangladesh.

About tuition fees of the private universities, the President said tuition fees of each private university need to be gradually decreased so that poor but talented students can get higher education from them.

Prof Iajuddin said a private university must have a linkage programme with universities of the USA, UK, Japan and other developed countries with a provision for exchange of students and academics in order to get maximum benefits.

He said higher education that brings together a range of academic and intellectual diversity is not just a step towards employment, but a preparation for the future life.

The President said globally major universities whether private or public have invested in a holistic education system with a wide range of faculties covering not only business subjects, but also science and arts.

"By providing quality education, we can ensure opportunities to a level. But by giving such opportunities to all segments of society we can make Bangladesh a genuine stakeholder in building a rational and stable social order of the country's economy," Iajuddin said.

The President said rural meritorious students should be provided with the opportunity for admission to such institutions with sufficient

scholarships so that they could grow up as national assets.

Teachers of private institutions should be a pupil's guide in heart and they need to help the students as long as they are fully capable to grasp, he suggested.

Iajuddin said linkage between business and education should not be overlooked, but education devoid of human qualities should not be pursued.

"We should devote ourselves to education, which can build up a tolerant society with knowledge to cope with ever-changing situation," he said adding, "Our education system should be directed towards meeting the challenges of time."

Emphasising the importance of accommodating more science and arts subjects along with market-oriented subjects in private universities, the President said this would help the students grow up in a balanced way.

"The knowledge, character, skills and training you have acquired at the university have equipped you to face the challenges in your career," Iajuddin said congratulating the graduates of the American International University-Bangladesh.

"You need fresh ideas and strong commitments to attain your goals in life and it should be your honour and privilege to love and serve your country," Prof Iajuddin told the graduates.