



President Abdul Hamid, also chancellor of Dhaka University, *second from left*, confers an honorary Doctor of Science (DSc) degree on Dr Rolf-Dieter Heuer, head of CERN, one of the world's largest particle physics research centres, at the 48th convocation of the university yesterday, while Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique, *left*, looks on.

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## Scientific knowledge basis of today's world

*CERN chief Dr Rolf-Dieter tells 48th convocation of DU*

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Knowledge of scientific research is the foundation of today's world, Dr Rolf-Dieter Heuer, head of one of the world's largest particle physics research centres CERN, told the new graduates of Dhaka University at the 48th convocation yesterday.

"Our life is getting increasingly dependent on science," said the director general of CERN or European Organisation for Nuclear Research as the convocation speaker. "Science is an international language with which everything works."

He wondered why Satyendra Nath Bose did not get the Nobel Prize despite so much of his contribution to science.

Bose, a Bengali physicist best known as father of the concept of "God Particle", named after him as Boson, taught at DU.

President Md Abdul Hamid, chancellor of the university, said higher education must aim to enlighten people with a mélange of humanity, culture, tradition and technology.

Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique said the present day reality did not encourage the notion that teaching was a noble profession due to inadequate salaries and perks.

The university conferred degrees upon 8,238 graduates and post-graduates. Of them, 26 were awarded gold medals for academic feats. A total of 63 were conferred doctorate degrees and 27 MPhil degree.

The university also conferred an honorary Doctor of Science (DSc) degree upon Rolf-Dieter.