



Foundation stone of IUB laid

Infuse moral values in hearts of students: B.Chy

President Professor A Q M Badrudduja Chowdhury Thursday said the education must infuse the moral values and social dimension in the hearts of the students, develop hatred against insolence and corruption and love for truth, justice, patriotism and dignity of labour, reports BSS.

The universities must produce such qualified people who can face competitive modern world professionals of integrity, skill and knowledge and who can hold the standard of moral values and cultural tradition proudly, he told the foundation stone laying ceremony of Independent University, Bangladesh (IUB) at Bashundhara in Dhaka.

Education Minister Dr. M Osman Faruk, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Bazlul M Chowdhury, Chairman of Education, Science, Technology

and Cultural Development Trust (ESTCDT) A K M Rafiqul Islam also spoke at the function.

The President said Bangladesh needs the help of increasingly advanced technology to eradicate poverty and raise the standard of living. At the same time we need high standard of social discipline, moral values and love for our traditions and culture.

The President said society all over the world is becoming increasingly dependent on the application of complicated and advanced knowledge of science, technology and professionalism. Specially in this age of globalization we need to be ever vigilant and ever ready to prepare ourselves to face the challenges as they surface, he said.

Professor Badrudduja Chowdhury said the university should ensure that our age-old values are blended with the new knowledge and feeling of international brotherhood of all human beings.

The President said the world around us is advancing very fast and old thoughts must give way to new. Ours is a new country, but our civilisation is old and has matured over centuries, he said.

We have witnessed the rise and fall of dynasties, the march of colonial powers, the devastation of external aggression and the ravages of nature, the President said. In the face of serious obstacles, we have been able on account of our enviable courage and resilience to nurture and blossom our heritage, distinctiveness and march forward on old steps, he said.

University is a place where the

learned teachers and scholars arm the future citizens of the country with proper knowledge to face the world, he said adding people look upon the university as the lighthouse for safe passage to an assured harbour. The teachers have to enthrone a sense of purpose, commitment, unity and pride in hearts of the students.

He said the growth of private universities is comparatively new in our country and it is the moral as well as legal responsibility of all to support the growth of private universities to bring and support excellence in learning.

We can establish a more coherent and stable social order as well as ensure a qualitative change in our life by providing quality education at all levels, he said and added we need young leaders in various branches to lead the society in the fields of education, politics, business and bureaucracy. Later, the President laid foundation stone of the IUB at Bashundhara.