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Certificates distributed among meritorious students

Main objective of education to acquire knowledge: Khaleda

The country's meritorious students, who topped the lists of successful examinees in the SSC and Dakhil examinations under four education boards and Madrasah Education Board last year, were accorded a warm reception at state level in Dhaka Tuesday in recognition of their brilliant academic per-

formances, reports BSS.

The Prime Minister, Begum Khaleda Zia, was the chief guest at the lively reception of the young learners and distributed certificates among them in recognition of their academic successes.

After her brief motivational speech, the Prime Minister handed over certificates to each of the 456 students one by one, applauding their excellent academic attainments.

Organised by the Ministry of Education and held at the Osmania Memorial hall auditorium, the reception was attended by a number of ministers, MPs, teachers and educationalists.

The Prime Minister extended her sincere greetings to the meritorious students for their success and the teachers and the guardians for inspiring them to attain successes.

Education Minister Barrister Jamiruddin Sirar and Education Secretary Irsadul Huq also spoke on the occasion.

Describing the meritorious students as the pride of the nation the Prime Minister said that their academic successes

would inspire a new the other learners of the country.

She hoped that the brilliant students would be able to achieve more successes in future and also contribute to the national life.

The Prime Minister asked the students to acquire knowledge about modern scientific and technological achievements to enable the nation to face the challenges of the next century.

"The nation expects a lot from you. You will be entrusted with the task of running the country in future", the Prime Minister said asking them to contribute to the national progress through the maximum utilisation of their talents.

"A great challenge awaits us", Begum Zia said emphasising the need for increasing the standard of our education as well as attaining modern scientific and technological knowledge to face the future challenges.

The Prime Minister urged all to work unitedly to turn the country's huge population into effective manpower.

"The main objective of education should be to attain knowledge, not to earn certificates of passing examinations only," said the Prime Minister.

Begum Zia said that her government had attached utmost importance to the development of education since there was no alternative to education for national uplift.

Referring to the introduction of compulsory primary education, food for education programme, mass literacy campaign and stipends for the

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students, the Prime Minister said her government had taken epoch-making steps in the field of education.

The introduction of these programmes, she said had increased the attendance in the schools as well as reduced the drop-outs.

Begum Zia said all of us should be aware so that the continuity of education of the students in no way be disrupted. She urged all to work unitedly to help maintain a congenial academic atmosphere for the country's children.