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Belgian varsity to confer doctorate on Hasina

A world famous university has decided to confer honorary doctorate degree on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina in recognition of her commitment to democracy, human rights and the rule of law, reports BSS.

The Rector of the renowned Belgian institute, Katholieke Universiteit Brussel (Catholic University of Brussels, Belgium), Prof. Dr. C. Matheeussen in a letter to Sheikh Hasina formally requested her to accept the academic degree of Doct Honoris Causa attending the official ceremony for the confer on February 4, next year.

Earlier, the Academic Council of the university selected to Bangladesh leader for the prestigious degree, the rector said.

Another reputed educational institute of the United States, Randolph-Macon Woman's College, earlier selected Sheikh Hasina for its 'Pearl S. Buck Award' for this year.

Former Philippines president Corazon Aquino was last year's recipient of the award, launched in memory of Nobel laureate litterateur Pearl S. Buck, who was a remarkable alumna of the college.

The award carries a \$10,000 monetary prize and a bronze medal designed by Tiffany, Inc.

The president of the College, Kathleen G Brown, in a letter to Sheikh Hasina said: "The external panel of judges believes that your vision, your courage and your achievements in political, economic and humanitarian spheres capture the spirit of the award and of the woman who inspired it."

The College authorities requested the Prime Minister to find a weekend sometime before the end of April next year to receive the award at a special ceremony on the campus.

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