

## CUET convocation ends **Optimize resource utilization to change nat'l status: President**

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CHITTAGONG, Apr 8--President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed said here today that optimum utilization of resources in the productive modes would only help change the socio-economic status of the nation.

"We have to design the national development plan foreseeing the country's future as far as the year 2100," the President said.

He said that the development schemes should be long term and drawn on the basis of the ideas what would take the nation out of poverty and confirm prestigious position among the global society.

The President was addressing the first convocation of Chittagong University of Engineering and Technology (CUET) as the key-person at its campus this morning.

Advisor to the Caretaker government on Education and Commerce Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman joined it as the special guest while former Chief Advisor to the caretaker government and former Chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman delivered the convocation speech.

Vice-Chancellor of the CUET Professor Shyamal Kanti Biswas

delivered speech of welcome at the convocation.

Branding the engineers as the architect of development, President said that they produce the development ideas and plan of action in the light of their talent, creativity and alternative thoughts.

"We want to be a self-reliant nation and today's engineering graduates, I hope, will feel it even more," the President said asking the engineers to engage their best efforts in building the nation.

Calling better relation between teachers and students as the basic prerequisite of quality education, the President hoped that the CUET would continue to contribute for upholding the spirit of education and building dependable knowledge base.

He welcomed introduction of Mining, Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering department and said that the department would help expedite searching and exploring natural resources across the country.

He urged the graduates to uphold the honor of their certificates and said, "today's certification pushes you to the struggle of practicality and don't forget ordinary millions' contribution behind your achievement".

He advised the graduates to be sincere, honest, patriotic and pro-people for making their today's achievement meaningful.