

Varsities urges to ensure quality higher education

Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahced on Friday urged the authorities of the country's public and private universities to ensure quality education at higher levels.

He said a knowledge-based society is a must for the sustainable development and addressing the challenges of the 21st century.

He was addressing as the chief guest at a reunion of the ex-students of the Shamsun-

nahar Hall of Dhaka University (DU) at the Teacher Student Centre auditorium while DU Vice Chancellor (VC) Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique was present as the special guest.

The education minister said the education system should be promoted with creativity and innovation turning the universities into powerhouses of knowledge.

He said the key job of the universities should be grow-

ing confidence and commitment among the students for their capacity building to lead the nations towards progress.

The University of Dhaka had played a central role in all national movements for democracy and autonomy, including the historic language movement of 1952 and the War of Liberation in 1971, he added.

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that the Shamsunnahar Hall had produced innumerable meritorious citizens of the country who left their marks in different spheres of the national life. He said the main task of the universities is to carry out research works for the development of a country.

He also mentioned that a World Bank project titled 'Higher Education Quality Enhancement', that would provide financial assistance to the public and private universities for carrying out research works.

'As the centre of higher education and free thinking, the universities have a great role to play in imparting modern and need-based education to the students,' he said.