

## Govt to help creative talents flourish: PM

*She says students of Bangladesh most talented in world*

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The prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, has said that her government will do everything to ensure that creative talent could flourish through proper education.

She said this addressing a programme marking the handover of prizes to 96 meritorious students, including 12 who emerged as the best talents in a nationwide competition among secondary and higher secondary students.

The prime minister handed over cheques for Tk 1,00,000 and a certificate to each of the 12 winners in a ceremony at Bangabandhu International Conference Centre in Dhaka on Tuesday.

The education minister, Nurul Islam Nahid, and the director general of Secondary and Higher Education, Fahima Khatun, also spoke. The education secretary, Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, gave the address of welcome.

The joint secretary of education ministry, AS Mahmud, conducted the ceremony. Two of the best talents — Humaira Adiba and Bhuban Dey — also spoke.

Hasina said sufficient opportunities would have to be created for expanding sports and games as well as cultural activities alongside the academic activities.

She suggested that all the students should give due attention to their studies side by side following the advices of their parents and teachers.

The prime minister said the nation could not con-

cede defeat to poverty. If we could build Bangladesh as an educated nation, the country could be freed from poverty.

She said efforts were on to create scope for the flourishing of dormant talent of students and cited different government initiatives to this end. She also stressed the need for more such initiatives despite resource constraints.

Hasina said she considered the students of Bangladesh as the most talented in the world and there was no comparison of their talents with others.

She mentioned that her government had prioritised science and technology-based education to create scope for talented students.

She indicated that in future female hostels would also be built in various educational institutions like the male hostels.

The prime minister also called upon all to supplement the government efforts for building a prosperous, peaceful and dynamic Bangladesh, a 'Sonar Bangla' free from hunger and poverty as dreamt by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.

The prime minister said her government had this time nationalised 26,200 primary schools along with the jobs of 104,000 teachers.

The competition, Creative talent hunt competition 2013, organised by the education ministry, began on March 13 in upazilas.

Students of Class VI-XII competed in four areas — language and literature, science, mathematics and computer, and Bangladesh studies.