



President Prof A.Q.M. Badruddoza Chowdhury addressing the sixth convocation ceremony of IUB held at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city on Saturday.

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President urges private varsities to ensure quality edn

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President Prof AQM Badruddoza Chowdhury once again suggested the private universities to widen the range of their faculties covering not only the market needs but also the social needs enhanced with moral education.

Prof Chowdhury opined that access to education was a basic human right and the responsibility of catering to the educational needs of the largest section of population should be born by all. "This renewed 'democracy' and 'quality' visions must be embraced and sustained by renewed commitment by the government, the universities, public or private and the society," he added.

He called upon the academicians to identify the challenges of university education and raise and resolve the issues of social and moral dimensions of the higher education.

Prof Badruddoza Chowdhury came up with his thoughts at the sixth convocation of the Independent University Bangladesh (IUB) at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre (BCFCC) in the city's Sher-e-Banglanagar on Saturday.

Minister for Education Dr M Osman Farruk, President of Asian Institute of Technology (AIT), Thailand Prof Jean-Louis Armand, IUB Vice Chancellor Prof Bazlul Mobin Chowdhury, Treasurer A Hafiz Choudhury, Deputy Registrar Syed Almas Kabir addressed the function.

The Chancellor of the universities conferred degrees to 160 students including 133 Bachelor's and 27 Master's graduates. About 612 students graduated from the university since its establishment in 1993. M Ruhul Amin of School of Communication and Mirza M

Mohiuddin of School of Business were awarded *Summa Cum Laude* for their outstanding academic performances.

The President cautioned the private universities not to limit their academic scopes to only market driven forces. As it "cannot serve our ultimate purpose."

Prof Chowdhury, who is also the Chancellor of IUB, suggested the private universities to seriously ensure quality education and initiate diversity of programmes, must be included with moral education, which, according to him, was not seen in the past.

The base of development and quality of life of the people could be broadened to a level only by providing quality education at all levels and for all segments of society, Prof Chowdhury said.

"We all have an obligation to contribute to shape our future, bright and assured for the younger generation" he added.

"Our university must produce those qualified people who can create in our environment the speed of growth, spearhead the force of advancement, face the competitive and future world and pursue principle of social welfare in all development," Prof Chowdhury said describing the universities' duty.

The President urged the graduates to uphold truth over falsehood, justice over injustice and honesty over dishonesty.