

President for improving quality of higher edn

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President Professor Badruddoza Chowdhury has called upon both public and private university authorities to direct their efforts and means towards improving the quality of higher education to the best international standard in the country.

"To attain this, we must be unrelenting by a commitment to the cause of proper education, an upgraded professional excellence and investment of resources towards building private and public universities into proud centres of superior attainment, accompanied by some structural changes in the future governance from the institutions as well as the government agencies," he said.

The President was addressing the 2nd Convocation Ceremony of

American International University - Bangladesh (AIUB) at Osmani Memorial Hall in the city on Monday.

"We have to model and remodel our thinking process with vision for the future needs for the country and the world," he told the Convocation arranged for the AIUB graduates of different departments of the academic years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.

He said, "We must put ourselves in the competitive world map of today and the days to come. We have to provide quality education at all levels that would commensurate with public aspirations."

Speaking on the country's economic development and enhance-

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ment of image through providing quality education. President Badruddoza said that by providing such opportunities to all segments of the society, Bangladesh could be converted into a genuine stakeholder in building a rational and a stable social order.

"We have to link this disturbed society through a more integrated and democratic education system, more people, and serving equally the needs of the student and also of the country," he said.

The President expressed his gratification over the country's business sector developments and linked it with the education, saying, "A great deal of innovation and development has been occurring in our business sectors where firms are striving to stay in the cutting-edge and in an environment where older products and earlier knowledge are rapidly becoming obsolete. Education and retraining, as a result, is increasingly becoming not only a life-long activity but also a wave of life."

"Businesses are now looking for employees who are prepared to continue learning and workers and managers in many kinds of pursuits - had better look forward to persistent hard work, acquiring and improving the skills needed to cope with dynamic and challenging economy of future," President Badruddoza said adding that linkages between business and education must be encouraged at all levels of the country's education system.

Addressing to the graduates, he said, "I offer my congratulations, as your Chancellor, I appreciate your commitments for challenges that you have conquered, for projects completed, for goals reached by all and for some even surpassed." "You are armed with knowledge and skill ready to face the world and I pray you will rightly be rewarded for the good work to be done to the society by you."

Among others, State Minister for Education Ehsanul Hoque Milon, Vice Chancellor of AIUB Mrs. Carmen Z. Lamagna, President of Siam University Prof Pornchai Mongkhonvanit, head of the School of Electrical and Information Engineering under University of South Australia Prof Andrew Nafalski, founder-chairman of the AIUB Board of Trustees Dr. Anwarul Abedin and Director for AIUB's International Affairs Ishtiaque Abedin spoke at the Convocation Ceremony.