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## President asks students not to compromise with graft

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President Abdul Hamid distributes awards among the students during the second convocation of Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology in Gazipur on Tuesday. — New Age photo

President M Abdul Hamid today asked the students to give the highest priority to national interest and not to compromise with injustice, untruth and corruption.

‘Never bow down to any injustice and untruth. . . Always try to uphold the dignity of your certificates by rendering proper services with honesty, sincerity and patriotism,’ he told the graduating students at the second convocation of Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology in Gazipur Tuesday afternoon.

The president, also the chancellor of the university, asked the new graduates to uphold the spirit of the freedom struggle and independence and always think about the development of society as well as the country alongside their personal progress.

President Hamid urged all concerned to give importance to offset the adverse impacts of climate change and ensure the country’s continued advancement by acquiring world class knowledge and wisdom to compete at the global arena.

‘Bear in mind that we have to be economically self-reliant to uphold our dignity,’ he advised the students and said that the young engineers should utilise their creative thoughts and acquire knowledge for this.

Noting that the incumbent government was giving importance to expansion of the overall academic activities of universities, including research works, president Hamid also asked the authorities concerned to take the results of research and new inventions to the doorsteps of the common people as well.

The president asked the university teachers and students to contribute significantly to materialise the dream of the nation’s founding president, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, to build a happy and prosperous Bangladesh in line with the ‘Vision-2021 and Vision-2041’ designed by prime minister Sheikh Hasina.

Terming Bangladesh a role model in development across the globe as it had put a sign of tremendous development in all fronts of the socio-economic sector, the president said the country in the meantime attained the status of a developing country.

Referring to teacher-student relations, he said, ‘The teachers should be more affectionate and friendly relations between students and teachers can play an effective role in maintaining a congenial academic atmosphere at universities.’

Chairman of the University Grants Commission Abdul Mannan was the convocation speaker while DUET vice-chancellor Mohammad Alauddin also spoke on the occasion.

Among others, liberation war affairs minister AKM Mozammel Haque, lawmaker Md Zahid Ashan Russel, local political leaders and secretaries to the president, among others were present at the function, among others.

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