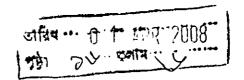
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President for state-of-the-art curricula in universities

President Professor Dr lajuddin Ahmed Monday called upon the authorities of both private and public universities to come forward with state-of-the-art curricula to impart quality and timeworthy education to the students, reports UNB.

"As you know, at all the ages, educational institutions are regarded as the sacred and stately place of the country, which contains nation's hopes and aspirations by putting its collective endeavours," the President said while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the permanent campus of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST) at Tejgaon in Dhaka on Monday.

Earlier, the President, also the chancellor of the university, inaugurated the new campus unveiling the plaque.

Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh

University of Engineering and Technology Professor Dr AMM Safiullah and Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr M Anwar Hossain, AUST President Kazi Fazlur Rahman and President of Dhaka Ahsania Mission Kazi Rafiqul Alam were also present on the occasion.

In his speech, the President hoped that the authorities of both private and public would understand the tune of the society and uphold the image of the esteemed institutions.

Bangladesh is endowed with huge population of about 140 million in a small geographic area, he said adding that the huge populace could be used as the main driving force in the way of development process by making it more skilled and capable.

He said, "globalization and information technology encompass us at every nook and cranny of our everyday life and we must deal with this properly by using our skilled human resources in order to cope with the world family".

The learning of science and technological education is undoubtedly a paramount importance to face the challenges of the time, he added.

The President mentioned that Bangladesh has limited universities with huge number of students which leads unhealthy competition among the students at the time of admission. "To face the growing pressure of the students, it needs to create more rooms for higher learning at tertiary level," he added.

Dr Ahmed termed the student as 'valued citizen and the future architect of the country' and said that the country's development and prosperity mostly depends on them.