

East West University convocation held President for more focus on IT edn by universities

President Prof Dr Iajuddin Ahmed on Monday asked the country's both public and private universities to pay more attention to science and IT education along with the conventional arts and commerce to cope with the fast-changing world economic order, reports UNB.

"In the current era of IT revolution, IT knowledge has become a must for every one's survival. It's obvious that the policymakers, academia and institutions need to gear up themselves to deal with the challenges posed by the new situation," he said.

The President was addressing the 7th convocation of East West University at Bangladesh China Friendship Centre here.

"It's time for all of those who are associated with planning and implementation of educational programmes to revitalise their thinking and focus (more) on the

subject (IT)," Dr Ahmed, also the Chancellor of the university, told the function.

He said universities as the apex centres of higher education have a greater role to play in imparting quality and time-suited education to the students so that they can face today's growing challenges. "It needs collective endeavours, state-of-the-art curricula and congenial atmosphere to ensure quality education."

Dr Ahmed said the whole purpose of education in countries like Bangladesh is to develop and enhance the potential of human resources and progressively transform it into a knowledge-based society.

"This society will produce such efficient and effective, responsible and rational human being who will immensely contribute towards nation-building activities," he said.

The President said the emergence of world economic order and the rapid development of Information Technology have extended us to the horizon of higher education, particularly in the fields of market economy and Information Technology.

Referring to the issue of global warming as an alarming phenomenon for the entire world community, particularly the developing countries like Bangladesh, he said the Inter Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) through its impact assessments identify Bangladesh as one of the most 'susceptible countries' of the world.

The IPCC projected that the impacts of global warming will increase the sea level, atmospheric temperature and rainfall and will intensify natural disasters in the form of floods, cyclones, storm surges and drought, he said.

Dr Ahmed urged all, both at home and abroad, to maintain an ecological balance in order to build a safe and habitable abode for all.

The President urged the graduates to keep accumulating knowledge, make the best use of their learning and pursue higher scholarship in ways that will enable the students to take their full share of national responsibility when the time comes.

Former Chief Adviser to Caretaker Government Justice Muhammad Habibur Rahman and Vice Chancellor of the East West University Prof Mohammad Sharif and President of Board of Directors of the university Iajuddin Ahmed also spoke on the occasion.