

AIUB Convocation held President urges all to pick up IT knowledge

President Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed on Monday said Bangladesh is slowly emerging as a middle-income nation shaking off its past stigma as a least developed country, with its development indicators gradually rising above the LDC gradation, reports UNB.

"Having a population of 140 million in a small geographic area our achievement is no mean in sustaining such a huge population and raising their living standards," he said, adding that the country has achieved significant progress in macroeconomic aspects, health and nutrition.

The President made the statement at the 8th Convocation of the American International University-Bangladesh (AIUB) at the Bangladesh-China Friendship Convention Centre.

Professor Ahmed urged all concerned to provide the cutting edge of information technology and make sure its best use in national interest.

"The unforeseen development in IT sector on the one hand gives us enormous opportunity to gather knowledge and on the other it throws some challenges before us," he told his elite audience.

The challenges include coping with the world community in the field of ever-changing information technology and proper use of it in

the fastest-growing sector of the present world. As such, he said, updated IT knowledge is a must for all to pick up the advantage of IT.

Of various achievements, Professor Ahmed said the country has been able to reduce child mortality significantly and succeeded in immunization programme. The success in enhancing literacy rate is also quite appreciable.

Despite attaining these successes, he said, "we have to go a long way for achieving the desired goals of our hard-earned independence."

"The intrinsic value of education is to illuminate oneself and to enlighten society with the never-ending light of wisdom and prudence," he said.

The President called for building a knowledge society, where knowledge would be the main driving force for attaining overall development.

Describing Bangladesh as a land of ancient civilization having rich cultural and traditional heritage, he said a good number of noted scientists, poets, litterateurs, artistes, athletes, and even priest were born in this soil and elevated the country to a great height in the international arena.

"Time has come to uphold the glory of our past and nourish them for the greater interest of our generation."

Professor Ahmed hoped that the erudite section of society as well as the educational institutions, particularly universities, would come forward to foster the heritage and nurture the innate intellect of the people to create the aspired knowledge-based society.