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Adopt modern curricula for need-based education

President asks universities

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President Iajuddin Ahmed yesterday suggested universities to adopt contemporary and modern curricula for imparting need-based education to build a pool of skilled manpower for tapping country's huge development potential.

"Bangladesh is a country of immense potential," he said and underscored the need for huge capable human resources to cope with the challenges of the 21st century.

"Educational Institutions, particularly universities, have vital role to play in building a competent and healthy nation by providing quality education to the students," he said in his address to the maiden convocation of Dhaka International University (DIU) at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre.

University Grants Commission Chairman Prof Nazrul Islam, chairman of the Board of Governors of DIU Dr SK Patwari and Vice-chancellor Prof Dr Nurul Momen also spoke at the function.

Iajuddin also called upon the students to demonstrate their moral duty and the highest degree of personal honesty and integrity in their professional arena.

"I hope you will serve the nation with utmost dedication imbued with the sense of patriotism," he said.

He advised the students to try to groom themselves as rational human beings and a useful member of society.

Terming global warming an alarming phenomenon for the developing countries like Bangladesh, the president said Inter-Governmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) impact assessments identify Bangladesh as one of the most 'susceptible countries' of the world to the negative impacts of climate change.



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President Iajuddin Ahmed gives away gold medal to a graduate at the convocation of Dhaka International University (DIU) at Bangladesh-China Friendship Conference Centre in the city yesterday.

"These impacts range from an overall increase in sea level, atmospheric temperature and rainfall to more intense natural disasters in the form of floods, cyclones, storm surges and droughts."

The largest impact of the global warming will be felt in the water resources of Bangladesh, he noted, as the country was awash in devastating floods and swept by cyclone recently.

The president underscored the need for developing regional and national comprehensive plans to address this alarming issue.

He thanked the countrymen, including the members of Armed Forces and civil administration who are rendering their dedicated services to help the cyclone Sidr-hit people round the clock.

He also thanked friendly countries

and international organisations who extended their cooperation and valuable support at the time of prime need.

He again called upon the countrymen, including authority of both public and private universities, to extend their all-out cooperation in mitigating the sufferings of the cyclone-affected people who lost their all belongings and near and dear ones.