

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid adorns a graduate with a medal at a convocation organised by United International University on its campus in Dhaka on Saturday.

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UIU holds convocation amid festivity

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UNITED International University held its fourth convocation on Saturday amid enthusiasm and festivity with announcement that its academic activities would be run from its permanent campus from next year.

Degrees were conferred upon 1610 students of the university at the convocation organised on the university's permanent campus at Satuarkul in Dhaka. A total of six students were awarded gold medals for their outstanding results.

The university conferred degrees on students, who had passed between summer semester 2014 to spring semester 2016.

'We will shift all of the academic activities to the per-

manent campus by January 2018,' UIU vice-chancellor M Rezwan Khan said at the convocation ceremony.

'We are happy that UIU authorities has built a permanent campus and now hold the convocation at the site,' education minister Nurul Islam Nahid said while presiding over the ceremony and conferred the degrees on behalf of president Abdul Hamid, who is the chancellor of the university.

University of Asia Pacific vice-chancellor Jamilur Reza Choudhury while presenting the convocation speech reminded students that they were among few in the country who got the opportunity of receiving higher education.

He said that young generation had to play the most

important role in leading Bangladesh out of the present predicament of living with the stigma of being a citizen of one of the poorest countries in the world.

UIU trustee board chairman Hasan Mahmood Raja said that UIU was emphasising research activities and he expressed his hope that the university would soon be transformed into a world-class research centre.

UGC chairman Abdul Mannan said that it was unfortunate the many universities run on the target of profit making and impart education on market oriented subjects.

The university was established in 2003 with 77 students and it currently has more than 6500 students.

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