

DU confers honorary doctorate on 52 distinguished since 1921

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THE premier Dhaka University is set to confer an honorary doctorate to famous campaigner for peaceful use of atomic energy Yukiya Amano of Japan while records suggested it awarded 52 distinguished national and international figures with the honour since its inception in 1921.

Amano, director general of International Atomic Energy Agency Yukiya Amano will receive the honorary doctor of laws degree or honoris causa at a special convocation of DU today.

President Abdul Hamid, also chancellor of the university, will chair the convocation at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhavan on the campus at 2:30pm.

Amano is the 52nd winner of the special degree and 28th person to receive the honorary doctor of laws degree 'for the sake of the honour'.

Apart from the doctor of laws, so far 14 people got

doctor of science and 10 other received doctor of literature from the country's highest seat of learning and the oldest university which was called 'Oxford of the East' during its early years.

Recipients of 'doctor of laws' degrees are first chancellor Earl of Ronaldshay (1922), first vice-chancellor Philip Joseph Hartog (1925), ex-chancellor of the university Earl of Lytton (1927), ex-chancellor of the university Francis Stanley Jackson (1932), ex-chancellor of the university John Anderson (1936), Abdur Rahim (1936), ex-vice chancellor sir AF Rahman (1937), former governor general of the then Pakistan Khwaja Nazimuddin (1949), Aga Sultan Sir Mohammad Shah Aga Khan (1951), Abdul Wahab Azam (1952), former governor general of the then Pakistan Eskander Mirza (1956), the then chancellor of the university AK Fazlul Haq (1956), Madame Sung Ching Ling (1956), former prime minister of China Chou-En Lai (1956), the then president of

Pakistan Ayub Khan (1960), President of the United Arab Republic Jamal Abdel Nasser (1960), prime minister of Bangladesh Sheikh Hasina (1999), former prime minister of Malaysia Tun Mahathir bin Mohammad (2004), professor Muhammad Yunus (2007), language veteran ANM Gaziul Haque, (2008), language veteran Abdul Matin (2008) and president of Turkey Abdullah Gul (2010), United Nations secretary general Ban Ki-moon (2010), World Trade Centre director general Pascal Lamy (2012) and United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation director general Irina Bokova (2012), first Bengali Indian president Pranab Mukherjee (2013), World Intellectual Property Organisation director general professor Francis Gurry (2015).

While Mahamahopadhyaya Haraprasad Shastri (1927), eminent historian sir Jadunath Sarker (1936), poet and philosopher sir Mohammed Iqbal (1936), Rabindranath Tagore (1936),

Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyaya (1936), Doctor Muhammad Shahidullah (Posthumous) (1974), Kazi Nazrul Islam (1974), Ustad Ali Akbar Khan (1974), professor Abul Fazal (1974) and professor Ranajit Guha (2009) received the degrees of 'doctor of literature' from the university.

Recipients of 'doctor of science' degrees are eminent scientist sir Chandrasekhare Venkot Raman (1932), sir Jagdis Chandra Basu (1936), sir Prafulla Chandra Roy (1936), professor Satyendra Nath Bose (Posthumous) 1974, Hiralal De (1974), Muhammed Quadrat-i-Khuda (1974), Qazi Motahar Hossain (1974), professor Abdus Salam (1993), director general UNESCO Federico Mayor (1997), professor Amartya Sen (1999), professor Yuan Tseh Lee of Taiwan (2009), and Goerge Mason University of USA professor Abul Hussam (2009), European Organisation for Nuclear Research director general professor Rolf Dieter Heuer (2014).