

PM urges Muslim scholars, scientists

Revive lost glory of Muslim Ummah

GAZIPUR, Oct 11: Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina today called upon the Muslim scholars, scientists and academicians to prepare themselves to face the challenges of the new millerinnium and revive the lost glory of the Muslim Ummah, reports UNB.

"Once the Muslim scholars had kindled the torch of knowledge when the entire world plunged into the darkness of ignorance and superstition," she said, while addressing the 12th congregation ceremony of the Islamic Institute of Technology (IIT) here this morning.

"IIT is a shining example of joint Islamic action and it's a matter of great pride and honour that Bangladesh has been chosen as the location for such a prestigious institution," she told the function.

This year 96 students from 15 countries were conferred graduate and post-graduate degrees by the institution which is run by the OIC members.

Syed Siddique Hussain of Bangladesh bagged the OIC and IIT gold medals for his best academic performance in Masters of Science in Technical Education.

The prime minister handed over the certificates to the graduates.

OIC Assistant Secretary General Ambassador Khalid Saleem also attended the function and read out a message of OIC Secretary General Dr Azed-

dine Laraki.

IIT Director General Prof AM Patwari and Registrar M Khalilur Rahman also spoke on the occasion.

Foreign minister Abdus Samad Azad, Education Minister ASHK Sadique, labour and manpower minister M A Mannan joined the academic procession while local MPs — Rahmat Ali, Akhtaruzzaman, Ahsanullah Master — and academicians of the country attended the congregation.

The prime Minister said she is convinced by the great interest and commitment of the OIC and its member states towards the Institute.