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## Brac University holds 15th convocation

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The 15th convocation of Brac University was held on Monday at the Bangabandhu Bangladesh-China Friendship Exhibition Center in Dhaka.

A total of 4,889 students received degrees while 31 gold medals were awarded in various categories.

Education minister Dipu Moni presented the chancellor's gold medals. Professor Syed Mahfuzul Aziz, pro-vice-chancellor and acting vice-chancellor of Brac University, presented the vice-chancellor's gold medals.

Omar Ishrak, former chairman and CEO of Medtronics, was the convocation speaker.

Dipu Moni said: 'We want our students to take the lead in knowledge creation, be progressive in thinking, inspired by honesty, humanity and patriotism, healthy in body and mind and energetic in action.'

'Since its establishment in 2001, Brac University has been producing competent graduates by imparting quality education,' she added.

Tamara Hasan Abed, chair of Brac University's board of trustees, said: 'By exercising Brac University's teachings on empathy, graduates can switch on the light of hope for others.'

She also added that the graduates will take many journeys and reach many destinations over the next 50 years taking Bangladesh to the forefront.

Mahfuzul, acting vice-chancellor of Brac University, said: 'As a forward-looking institution, Brac University aims to help students develop empathy, creativity and entrepreneurship so that they can thrive despite significant social changes and grow as future leaders.'

'This will go a long way to help fulfil the mission of the present and future governments, businesses and social enterprises.'

Omar urged the graduates to develop a sense of purpose and a vision of how they all could make a difference.

'This is the right time to think about it and drive priorities. Having long-term goals makes a difference and graduates should achieve purpose in life, remain committed to lifelong learning, stay informed and adapt to challenges,' he added.



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