

# President for ensuring standard of higher edn

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President Abdul Hamid on Thursday asked the univer-

sities to meet the challenge of ensuring the standard of higher education and its gradual improvement.

"With the rise in the number of higher seats of learning and students, it has now become a big challenge for us to ensure standard of education and its gradual improvement... universities will have to come forward with efforts in facing this challenge," the President said at the 14th convocation of East West University (EWU) here.

He said the government has been working for the overall development of education and it formulated the National Education Policy 2010 and enacted the Private University Act 2010 for gradual expansion of education.

The arena of higher education has been expanded across the country after giving permission to set up universities in public and private sectors outside Dhaka, he added.

He mentioned that there are now 117 public and private universities in the country and the number of students rose to 3.0 million in 2015 against only 0.8 million in just five years back.

He hoped that the country's universities would be able to come up with best opportunities to impart knowledge to the students.

