



President Abdul Hamid shakes hand with a gold medalist at the 16th convocation ceremony of East West University on its campus at Aftabnagar in the capital yesterday.

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# Don't use education as tool for profit making: President

President Abdul Hamid yesterday called upon all concerned to consider education as a weapon of development and progress of the nation and its citizens, not to use it as a tool for profit making, reports BSS.

"Consider education as the weapon for development of the country and its people . . . Country's people expect that education won't be used for profit making business entities anyway," he said while addressing the 16th convocation of the East West University (EWU) in the capital yesterday afternoon. At the outset of his speech, the President paid respect to all language and Liberation War martyrs and Father of the Nation Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and recalled their contribution.

President Hamid, also the chancellor of the university, stressed the need for building up patriotic and educated human resources ensuring the world standard and quality education in each university. He said all universities must ensure quality of higher education to create creative and enlightened people, not the certificate-oriented education or the kind of education which rely on reading of syllabus-based textbooks.

Congratulating the new graduates on the occa-

sion of the convocation, Abdul Hamid advised the graduates to devote themselves to the task of nation-building along with their professional activities.

"You, the graduates, are the future rudders of the nation. You will ensure a smooth and easy life for others as your universities have made your academic life easier," said the President.

He asked the new graduates to remember this

country and its contribution, saying that family, this society as well as the country have contributed a lot to bringing them to this position.

He hoped that they (students) would be able to create an imitative instance of honesty, efficiency and patriotism through applying their respective potentialities.

President Hamid said the 'varsity authority has the responsibility not only for teaching the students in the classes according to textbook's syllabuses, but also creating the scope of training on humanity, patience, social responsibilities, norms and values. Welcoming the expansion of the scope to higher education country-wide, he said imparting higher education can help flourish the inner potentialities, personality, thoughts, social responsibilities and social awareness in a student.

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