

'Focus on quality edn to reduce development gap'

Foreign Minister AH Mahmood Ali yesterday called for improving quality of education to help the country reach the middle-income status by 2021, reports UNB.

"We need to focus on the quality of education also to reduce the disparity in development," he said at the 'Merit Scholarship' giving ceremony at East West University at Dhaka's Aftabnagar. "Quality education will play a key role in reaching the targets of a middle income economy by 2021 and a developed one by 2041," Mahmood said.

Dr Mohammed Farashuddin, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the University, said women also need quality education to help achieve gender equality. He mentioned that women account for 30 per cent of the students at East West University, but they share 60 per cent of the scholarships offered by the institution. Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Ahmed Shafee congratulated the 93 students who got merit scholarships for Spring and Summer Semesters in 2014.