



UIU holds 5th convocation amid festivity

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UNITED International University held its fifth convocation on Saturday amid enthusiasm and fervour on its permanent campus in Saktul in the capital.

Degrees were conferred upon 962 students of the university at the convocation and four students were awarded gold medals for their outstanding academic achievements.

The university conferred degrees on students who passed between Summer-2016 and Spring-2017 semesters.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid presided over the ceremony and conferred the degrees on behalf of president Abdul Hamid, the chancellor of the university.

In his speech, Nahid urged

private universities to bear in mind the socio economic condition of students while setting the tuition and other academic fees.

Nahid and University Grants Commission chairman Abdul Mannan called on the university authorities to give up their profiteering attitude and make access to higher education affordable for students.

Power division secretary delivered the convocation speech. Newly graduating Sadbee Bin Morshed was the convocation valedictorian.

UIU acting vice-chancellor Chowdhury Mofizur Rahman and trustee board chairman Hasan Mahmood Raja also spoke at the convocation.

The cheerful graduates, dressed in ceremonial black robes and tasselled square hats, along with the others

stood up when the national anthem was played after the convocation procession.

Faculty deans called out the names of the graduating students on whom the minister conferred the degrees. Students moved their tassels from right to left after being officially declared graduates.

After the main convocation ceremonies concluded, the fresh graduates roamed around the campus with friends and families, capturing the day's memories in photographs.

Later, the graduates gathered in groups with classmates to take part in the age old tradition of throwing their convocation caps in the air.

United International University was established in 2003 with 77 students and currently hosts more than 6500 students.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid conferred a medal on a student on the occasion of United International University's convocation in the capital on Saturday.

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