



PRESIDENT
PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF
BANGLADESH

27 March 2002

Message

Bismillahir Rahmani Rahim

I welcome the 2nd Convocation of Darul Ihsan University. A convocation is an important event in the lives of the students and a day of great rejoicing for them because it marks their academic achievements. We as a community take pride in their success and share their joys through this ritual of graduation. I congratulate the graduating students on their success and hope that they would serve the nation with utmost dedication.

I wish the Convocation a great success.

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Professor A Q M Badrudduza Chowdhury



Justice Latifur Rahman
Former Chief Justice of
Bangladesh

Message

I am really glad to know that the second convocation of Darul Ihsan University is going to be held on 27 March 2002. Darul Ihsan University was established with a mission of synthesizing modern education with faith-based philosophy. In this approach the supremacy of the Almighty should always be appreciated. In Darul Ihsan University efforts are always being made where the higher learning and modern education are to promote and inculcate ethical standards, values and norms. This university is committed to the ideals of equal opportunity, transparency and honesty.

The idea of establishing a private university to provide quality education and faith-based approach at an affordable cost was first mooted by a very prominent academician, Late Syed Ali Ashraf who was fully committed to the development of modern education coupled with Islamic thoughts and ideas. In that sense, Darul Ihsan University has created a new approach in the field of university education. I strongly believe that this approach of infusing faith-based philosophy into the modern education will be crowned with success. All these will create conditions and situations in this country where the human being will be assured a better existence.

May Allah bless all of us.

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Justice Latifur Rahman



H.E. Dr. Abdullah Omar Nasheed
Chairman
Darul Ihsan Trust

Message

I welcome the 2nd Convocation 2002 of Darul Ihsan University being held on 27 March 2002 and offer the graduating students my warmest congratulations.

Darul Ihsan University, a brainchild of Late Professor Syed Ali Ashraf, was created to be a life long Community institution committed to develop an education system that would lead to the balanced growth of total personality of students. This acquisition of knowledge is comprehensive in nature so that the spiritual, moral, intellectual, imaginative, emotional and physical aspects of the personality grows in a balanced way and equilibrium in people is developed and maintained throughout life.

I am happy to learn that the University is striving hard to produce first rate business administrators, computer scientists and engineers, educationists, litterateurs and religious leaders who are modernists in outlook but faith based in philosophy.

May Allah bless us all and guide us to fulfill the plans and programmes of the University for the greater benefit of mankind.

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Dr. Abdullah Omar Nasheed



Hon'ble President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, Chancellor of Darul Ihsan University, Distributing Certificates on the occasion of the First Convocation.



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Established in 1989, Darul Ihsan University has the distinction of being the first private university in Bangladesh. However, it obtained the approval of the Government in 1993 under the Private University Act 1992. This university, unlike other private universities in the country, came into being through a process which started with a series of conferences on Muslim education in Mecca in 1977, in Islamabad in 1980, in Dhaka in 1981, in Jakarta in 1982 and in Cairo in 1987. The late Professor Syed Ali Ashraf, who was the founder Vice-chancellor of Darul Ihsan University, was actively involved in these conferences. In fact, he was the chief organizer. The main idea behind these conferences was to evolve a system of education suitable for Muslim countries.

Why was it thought necessary to have a system of education different from the secular system of education followed all over the world? Secular education ignores man's relationship with God. It focuses on the cultivation of intellectual qualities. There is an assumption that the whole purpose of higher education is to encourage free intellectual enquiry unhampered by any dogmas. Religious faith and the values based on it stand in the way of such an enquiry. But those who maintain this view cannot blink the fact that secular education has failed to stop the erosion of moral values among the younger generation. In a survey it has been revealed that eighty percent of the guardians in the United States think that in view of this erosion, children should be given religious education. The situation here in Bangladesh is no better. The campuses are disturbed by violence and public life is full of corruption. To remedy this state of affairs, we need a balanced development of the human personality. By balanced development we mean physical, intellectual, moral and spiritual development. This can be ensured only when we accept the premise that man's relationship with God supplies the basic principles which govern his relationship with fellow human beings and the physical world around him. Besides, it is not true that religious belief which is the basis of moral and spiritual values is a stumbling block to free intellectual enquiry. As Muhammad Asad, a great Islamic thinker, has put it:

"It was Islam that had carried the early Muslims to tremendous cultural heights by directing all their energies towards conscious thought as the only means to understanding God's creation and, thus, of His will. No demand had been made of them to believe in dogmas difficult or even impossible of intellectual comprehension; in fact no dogma

whatsoever was to be found in the Prophet's message, and thus the thirst after knowledge which distinguished early Muslim history had not been forced, as elsewhere in the world, to assert itself in a painful struggle against the traditional faith. On the contrary, it had stemmed exclusively from that faith."

The Western concept of education which we have blindly imitated evolved out of circumstances which have never existed in the Muslim world. There has never been any hostility to the pursuit of science and learning in Islam. There is no reason why we should imitate the Western concept. We must evolve our own system. So the late Professor Syed Ali Ashraf, who had done a lot of spadework in the field of education, felt called upon to set up this university which he named Darul Ihsan (an abode of excellence). His purpose was to develop an institution 'modern in outlook and faith-based in philosophy.' Darul Ihsan's aim is the education of the total man, the cultivation of all his powers----intellectual, moral, spiritual as well as physical. All knowledge is seen as a unity which, for the sake of convenience, is divided into 3 classes:

(a) Knowledge reflecting the relationship between man and God; (b) Knowledge reflecting the relationship between man and man; and (c) Knowledge reflecting the relationship between man and Nature.

On the basis of this classification, the curricula of the university have been divided into 3 faculties such as: (a) Faculty of Religious Sciences which includes such disciplines as the Quran and the Quranic Sciences;

(b) Faculty of Human Sciences which includes Humanities and Social Sciences, and (c) Faculty of Natural Sciences which includes Computer Science and Engineering, Physics, Chemistry, etc.

Location of the Campuses:

Presently, the Administration Building of the University is located at House # 21, Road # 91A, Dhaumondi, Dhaka, but its academic programmes are being carried out on campuses scattered over Dhanmondi, Uttara and Savar.

The Savar Campus is the eventual home of the university. It is about 30 km from Dhaka City. It has an area measuring about 13 acres of land close to Zahangirnagar University, Atomic Energy Commission, EPZ establishments and surrounded by meadows, trees, creeks and lakes. A huge two- storied building with a floor space of 25,000 square feet known as the 'Mosque Complex' has already been constructed.

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Abdullah Omar Nasheed, Chairman, DIT and Ahmad M.S. Jamroon, Member DIT along with the Chancellor on the occasion of the First Convocation.

Presenting Crest by the Vice Chancellor to the Hon'ble Deputy Minister Adv. M. Ruhul Quddus Talukder Dulu MP on the occasion of the inauguration of IBS Computer Center, DIU



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I am happy to learn that the Darul Ihsan University is going to hold its second convocation on 27 March, 2002. I heartily congratulate the students upon whom degrees shall be conferred on this august occasion. Darul Ihsan University is a unique institution of its kind in Bangladesh for higher education. It combines acquired knowledge and revealed knowledge with the aim to fill up the enormous vacuum created in the moral, social, cultural, spiritual and religious fields. I wish Darul Ihsan University all success in its endeavours to fulfill the stated aims and objectives.

Allah Hafez, Bangladesh Zindabad

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Bismillahir Rahmani Rahim

Message

I am delighted to know that Darul Ihsan University will hold its second Convocation on 27 March 2002. This University has already become a symbol of oriental cultural values, Islamic ideals and western thought and innovations. It is a faith-based institution where religious faith and modern education go hand to hand so that students of this university can develop a balanced personality and play their role in the society efficiently. It is a bold step to establish and develop such a university where the business managers, classicists and engineers interact with each other and where the faith, in the Almighty becomes the main feature in all the activities.

Darul Ihsan University still has a long way to go to establish all these values in their true forms. I wish them success in their efforts and endeavours.

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(M. Osman Farruk)



M. A. Hamid
Vice-Chancellor
Darul Ihsan University

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On this august ceremony of Darul Ihsan University, the oldest amongst the Private Universities of Bangladesh, I am pleased to welcome the graduating students who have received Bachelors' and Masters' degrees from this university since 1997. Ever since its inception, it has been working hard for developing a system of education that combines the materialistic gains with everlasting spiritual benefits. I am confident, with the help and cooperation of the Darul Ihsan Trust and the teachers, the university would be in a position to continue to produce first-rate business administrators, computer scientists and engineers, educationists, litterateurs and religious leaders who would be, in the words of the Late Professor Syed Ali Ashraf, immoderist in outlook and faith-based in philosophy.

May Almighty Allah allow greater success of Darul Ihsan University in all its spheres in future.

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M. A. Hamid



DIT members along with other guests on the occasion of the First Convocation