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President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and the Chancellor of East West University, His Excellency Professor Dr. Iajuddin Ahmed, Hon'ble Education Minister Dr. Osman Farruk, Distinguished Convocation Speaker Mr. Justice Mustafa Kamal, Esteemed Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Founder Directors of East West University, Excellencies, Vice Chancellors, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dean of Faculties, Convocation Marshal, Respected Faculty Members, Esteemed Guardians, Dear Graduating Students, Friends from the Press and Electronic Media, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Assalamu Alaikum,

Welcome to Convocation 2004 of East West University. Please accept our felicitations on and gratitude for your graceful attendance to The Third Convocation of East West University. Your participation in this event is of enormous importance to the 268 graduating students as well to the East West University family. You have encouraged a young but potent university to make even harder strides to ensure excellence in education. We are particularly grateful to our Chancellor for sparing time to preside over Convocation 2004.

Hon'ble Chancellor and Distinguished Members of the Audience

At East West University, all concerned are determined to complement the textbook and classroom teaching with marketable practical skills. This institution would like to emulate the ideal university which is a depository of learning, an impeccable standard setter and an effective laboratory for the education of young men and women of thought as well as action. The academic community at East West University is dedicated to the noble task of searching for knowledge, creating knowledge, conserving knowledge and disseminating knowledge that is both universal as well as of relevance to Bangladesh. It has now been recognized by the society that East West University is striving hard to nurture the merit of the children including and particularly from the middle class through the teaching of a state-of-the-art curricula by a competent and mostly full-time faculty.

Hon'ble Chancellor, Distinguished Guests

The fifteen sponsors of East West University made a firm resolve at its birth to dedicate the entire resources generated by the university for its all round progress. The operating surplus of the university is thus re-deployed for the development of the university and the welfare of its pupils. The non-profit character of East West University enables it to spend taka one crore ten lacs (almost 7% of the revenue) as merit scholarships and need based financial assistance to 366 students (12.5 percent of enrollment). It is worth noting here that some thirty percent of East West University's current net enrollment of 2800 plus came from outside Dhaka and many of them benefited from the scholarship/financial assistance scheme. This is one way of paying heed to the call of our Chancellor to help blooming the merit of the children of the rural areas.

East West University is very fortunate in having a very distinguished Academic Council guiding its academic program. The congenial environment in the rented campus with four adjacent buildings

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housing student friendly classrooms, 120 or so faculty members (92 full time), faculty offices, seven laboratories in computer science, digital dimension, physics, language and pharmacy and other facilities provided an academic environment that was lauded as "university like" by many visitors from home and abroad. When the East West University Computer Team achieved an enviable laurels in the Programming Contest held in Mumbai three months ago, several outstanding Computer Scientists of the country and a number of private universities including AIUB extended warm felicitations to the winning team.

Distinguished Parents and Guardians

I offer the most sincere and heartfelt thanks for the confidence you expressed on us by sending your child to the East West University. The university tried its best to kindle in their mind the lights of knowledge that was usable and relevant in the context of present day world. The university would continue to play the role of an educator, a friend and a philosopher guide to all its students. The strict framework of discipline at East West University is being applied in the context of a code of conduct that is consistent with its aim of "A meaningful synthesis of eastern culture and values with western thought and innovation." Hopefully the graduates shall prove worthy of the trust the university as well as you as the guardians have reposed on them and accordingly measure upto meeting the challenges of the leadership vacuum in the various sectors of the socio-economic horizon of Bangladesh.

Dear Graduates and Gold Medal Winners

Please accept a sincere and heart-warming congratulations on this big day- the day of rewarding your relentless toils through many mid night burning of candles. You are amongst the future leaders of this wonderful country with enormous and vastly unrealized potentials. I should like to challenge you in the name of your 'education in excellence' at East West University to rise to the occasion to work harder than ever before to bring in an era of democracy, peace, tolerance, security, success and prosperity for the country. A number of you would have to start a process of social capillarity for your families to realize the aspirations for a better standard of living. You would however, do well to recognize that the degree that is being conferred on you today is but an entry or gate pass into the brave new world which you must explore with a dauntless courage and indomitable stamina. May I remind you of the magic expressions of our National Poet Kazi Nazrul Islam when the young sons and daughters of the soil were exhorted

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 আমরা টুটাব তিমির রাত
 বাধার বিক্ষ্যাচল ।

I extend to you the very best wishes for all your endeavor.

May Allah bless and guide you.

