



Address of Professor Mohammed Sharif

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on the occasion of 9th Convocation of East West University

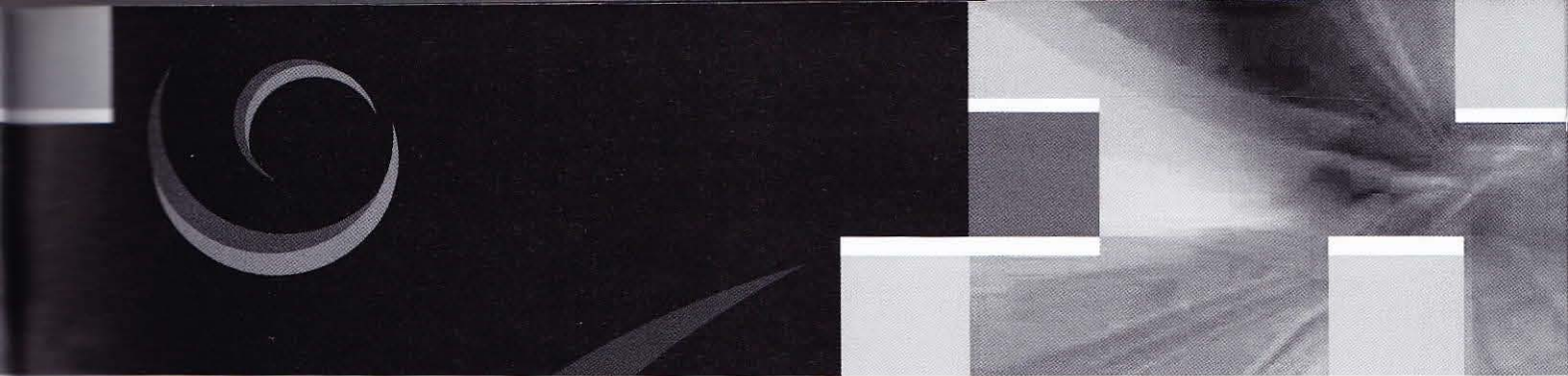


Honorable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of East West University, His Excellency Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, Honorable Minister, Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Convocation Speaker Professor AF Serajul Islam Choudhury, respected Chairman and members of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Mr. Jalaluddin Ahmed, President of the Board of Directors of East West University, distinguished members of the Board of Directors, Vice Chancellors of different universities, distinguished guests, dear colleagues, officials, members of the media, graduating students and their parents and guardians, Assalamu alaikum.

At the outset, I want to congratulate all graduating students and tell them that they have succeeded in meeting the high academic standards of our institution. I thank the parents and guardians for putting their trust on us in educating their youngsters. I want to say with confidence that we have honored your trust and gave them the best in training them for their future.

Dear students, I know that you as well as your family members worked very hard, made profound sacrifices, and have overcome many barriers to reach this important day. The moment of celebration has finally come to you. For a while, at least, you can bask in the glory of your achievements. However, a new chapter is about to begin today; as graduates you are about to embark on new journeys and create your own life adventures. A fresh set of challenges and options are ahead of you. I truly believe that your education has not only prepared you to battle against all odds, but has also given you the most valuable gifts of all: a trained intellect and critical faculties. I am sure that these will enable you to meet all the challenges that lie ahead of you and overcome them with success.

Dear graduates, while your degrees are very much the fruit of your hard work, your success today also owes much to your family, to the faculty and staff at EWU, and to the society at large. You have therefore personal and social obligations and need to ensure that the next generation enjoys the same or even better educational opportunity. As alumni of this university, you are also expected to support the university as it moves ahead and



strives to go from strength to strength. At this point, may I remind you of the support some of you have received in the form of scholarships and other benefits in the course of your studies at East West University. I hope this will encourage you to support the cause of education for others in the future.

Dear students, this is the time when some of you will step out of the world of ideas into the world of action, while others will continue your journey further into the world of ideas. Either way, however, there is no separation between the desires of your heart and the rational application of your efforts to solve the problems of human society. The challenge for you is to preserve this balance as long as you can with the education you have received at this university, an education not only of the mind but also of the heart.

I would like to end my speech by thanking the parents and guardians and our honored guests for gracing this occasion. Thanks also to faculty members and administrative staff who also deserve credit for our students' success. Once again, congratulations to all the graduates: may all your dreams come true. Allah hafez!