



## Address of Jalaluddin Ahmed

President, Board of Directors, East West University  
on the occasion of 9<sup>th</sup> Convocation of East West University

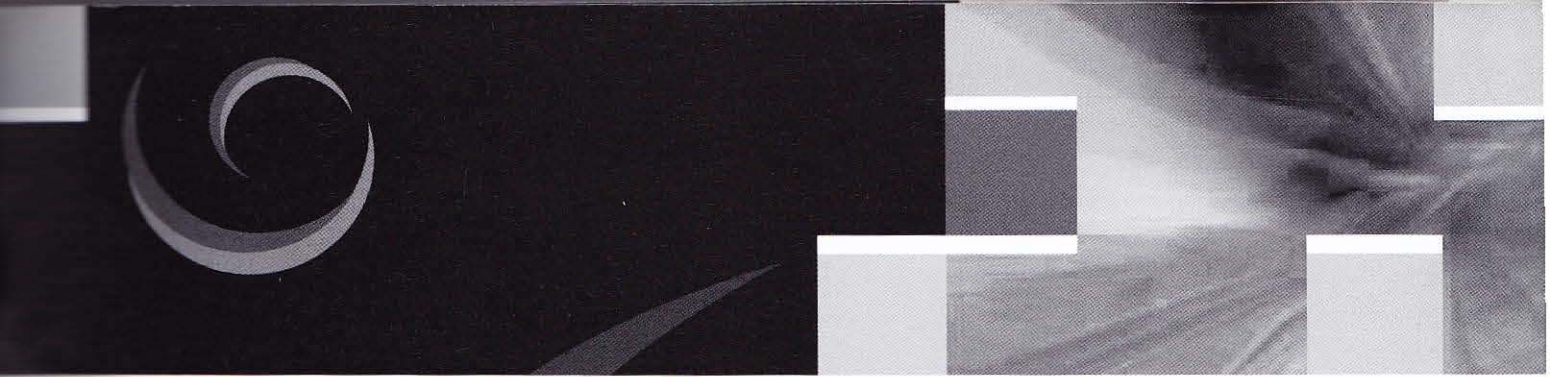


Honourable President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh and Chancellor of East West University, His Excellency Md. Zillur Rahman, Mr. Nurul Islam Nahid, Honourable Minister, Ministry of Education, Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, today's respected Convocation Speaker Professor AF Serajul Islam Choudhury, respected Chairman and members of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh, Vice Chancellors, founder Directors of East West University, Professor Mohammed Sharif, the Vice Chancellor of East West University, Deans of Faculties, Convocation Marshall Professor S. I. Nusrat A Chaudhury, esteemed faculty members and non-teaching colleagues of East West University, graduating students, alumni, proud parents and guardians, friends from the media, and honored guests of the University, ladies and gentlemen,  
Assalamu Alaikum.

It is my pleasure to welcome you all today to the Ninth Convocation of East West University. As the President of the Board of Directors, and a member of the East West University community, I feel proud to be a part of this auspicious occasion. I want to begin by extending my heartfelt congratulations to the graduates and the postgraduates who will receive their degrees today.

There is no doubt that this Convocation is a unique ceremonial event symbolizing the academic achievements of teachers, parents, and most importantly students. The enlightenment and education received by graduates is being recognized through this solemn event. However, I would like to remind graduates of their responsibilities towards the development of the country and themselves. I am sure that their acquired knowledge and expertise will benefit the nation immensely.

Honorable Chancellor and Distinguished Guests,  
East West University has already earned a reputation as a leading private university of the country by providing quality education. Maintenance of academic standards and discipline, responsiveness to the needs of



graduates, and a generous scholarship scheme are some of the features that have taken the university to where it stands today. And the fact that all these have come within a short time speaks volumes about the dynamism, foresight and sincerity of purpose on the part of the administration and the faculty, their commitment to the future of the country as well as the university.

At East West University, all concerned are determined to complement textbook and classroom teaching with marketable skills. But this institution would also 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 given to thinking as well as action. The academic community at East West University is dedicated to the noble search for knowledge, and to creating, conserving, and disseminating knowledge that is both universal as well as of particular relevance to Bangladesh.

Dear Graduating Students,

This is the day for which you have burnt the proverbial midnight candle. I wish you all the best as you leave East West University to begin the next phase of your lives. Some of you may not know what you will be doing next month or next year. But I feel that in earning an East West University degree you are well prepared to handle whatever challenges come next. The one certainty is that your lives will change from today. But to make the very most of your life and the opportunities you have been given, you must rise to the occasion. And of course, you must also give something back to your beloved country.

As the years pass, you will find the world a tough place, but you must be ready to face it with resilience. You must have faith in your ability and must confront all obstacles courageously. Most of all, you should remain humane and honest in all your endeavors. I hope that your stay at East West University has equipped you with the kind of knowledge that can guide you towards both personal and professional success.

In conclusion, let me extend my best wishes to all the graduates, their families and friends, the faculty, and to everyone present here on this happy occasion.

May Allah bless you and guide you.

Thank you.