

The Pro-Chancellor- Mr. Pir Mazhar-ul-Haq, Vice-Chancellor – Prof. Dr. Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui, Members of Senate and Syndicate – University of Karachi, honorable guests, respected faculty members and my dear students, it is indeed a pleasure to be here with you on this auspicious occasion.

Attending the Convocation of University of Karachi is itself one of the most memorable experiences for me. It reminds me of my old days when I used to be a student. With respect to its teaching standards and the number of graduating students every year, this University indeed has a distinctly reputed place in the list of top national as well as international universities.

I find it indeed commendable that this premier institution of learning is skillfully and eagerly imparting technology and advancement in its courses. The last few years can be regarded as an era that showed considerable progress and development in all the areas, be it research, academics or infrastructural development.

While the world of higher education is getting more competitive with every passing day, we need to keep our eyes open and unwind new strategies. We should combine our existing strengths with the focused utilization of new technologies for further enhancement in the learning experience of our students. The combination of excellent research and development together with a strong commitment to student learning, I believe, is not exceeded anywhere.

I am highly impressed by the rapid development that has taken place in the University during the last few years. Despite its limited resources, social and financial complications, the University administration has managed to pass through all the barriers and face the challenges of today's world. That is why, I can proudly say that international world considers Karachi University as Pakistan's premier institution for learning and research and its alumni are serving at key posts, not only in Pakistan but around the globe as well.

My dear students, while displaying your visionary and well-educated attitude toward life you need to identify your role in progress of this country and try playing it as effectively as possible. Our beloved homeland needs our devotion and immense support. Development is an ongoing process which can never be brought to halt. Today, we are struggling to attain a plausible position among the successful nations of the world. I have complete faith in the youth of this country that can lead this country toward the path of success.

The points that the Vice Chancellor has highlighted in his address are highly commendable. In order to keep pace with the development phase, I extend my constant support. As Chancellor, I always feel concerned for all the matters related to University of Karachi and together with the Vice Chancellor, I keep looking for possible opportunities that can be provided to the students of this prestigious seat of learning.

I extend my heartiest greetings to Prof. Adeeb-ul-Hasan Rizwi on the honorary degree awarded to him by University of Karachi. His efforts are indeed noteworthy and he deserves to be honored with praise and rewards.

I conclude with a note of optimism that this day marks the most historic event of the country when hundreds of talented and dynamic students are graduating. These students will surely flourish their homeland with creative thinking and innovation. Their dynamism, channeled toward the right direction, can lead the entire nation to new horizons of success. I expect that all of you will keep your promise of serving your motherland as well as your Alma Mater.

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