

FM for product diversification to boost export earnings

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Online Desk: Foreign Minister Dr Hasan Mahmud on Wednesday laid emphasis on export diversification to boost earnings from the export and help grow the economy to achieve its development goals.

He mentioned value-added RMG, pharmaceutical products, plastic, leather, jute goods, shipbuilding and also skilled manpower as some of the areas of focus for export diversification.

The Foreign Minister said there is a lot of potential to increase agro products export including mangoes from Bangladesh.

He said Bangladesh has made tremendous progress over the last 15 years despite challenges from a multiple fronts including negative impacts of climate change.

“This is not just magic. This is because of magical leadership of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina,” Hasan said while speaking as the chief guest at a seminar.

He described how Bangladesh became a food-grains sufficient country and how it addressed poverty issues significantly.

Bangladesh Institute of International and Strategic Studies (BIISS) organised the international seminar on ‘Economic Diversification and Global Market: Bangladesh’s Opportunities and Way Forward’ at the BIISS auditorium.

Md Abul Kalam Azad, MP and former Principal Coordinator (SDGs), Prime Minister’s Office; Masud Bin Momen, Foreign Secretary, Tapon Kanti Ghosh, Senior Secretary, Ministry of Commerce, Wahida Akhter, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, spoke as special guests chaired by BIISS Chairman A F M Gousal Azam Sarker.